

JUDGING SYSTEMS

Student Assignment #7

- 1) Please compare the differences between the judging system of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and the American Orchid Society. Explain the negative and positive characteristics of the different systems. Please be sure to include assessments of cut flowers, photography, and point scoring for these above mention systems.
- 2) Have you judged, witnessed or read extensively about any other judging systems, such as the Cymbidium Society of America, Japan Orchid Growers Association, Venezuelan Orchid Association or others? What elements of these judging systems offer potential development within our own judging system?
- 3) Attendance at out-of-region AOS judging centers provides exposure to both plant material not commonly seen in your region and the chance to see how other centers complete the task of selecting and judging plants. In your experience at out of region judging (center or show) relate an aspect of judging that was new to you or not commonly seen in your home center. What impact did this have on your ability to provide an impartial assessment of plant(s) presented to your team?

Be prepared to discuss at our next monthly judging.