

Descriptions

Student #1

Prior to each monthly center judging;

A) Write a description of a plant of your choosing. This may be a plant from your own collection, a vendor, or seen at a society meeting. As possible, include a photograph showing reasonable floral detail – cell phone photos are acceptable.

Over the year, your descriptions must address a variety of genera and award types.

Your written description should reflect the attributes producing the score, including scores totaling fewer than 75 points. Include appropriate measurements*.

Orchids Plus online contains the Judges handbook where you will find a section on writing descriptions, point scoring, etc. You will also find a glossary of terms which can be used in writing the descriptions. Please make use of these tools.

Email to Center Chair, Training Coordinator, full list of student & probationary judges, and full list of advisors prior to monthly center judging. In the unlikely event that judging is cancelled, the assignment is still due in a timely manner.

B) Using Orchids Plus online > Other Searches > Latest Awards > 100 Awards;
Or using AQ Plus > Newly Awarded;
Find six descriptions, 3 you consider 'excellent' and 3 that 'need improvement.'
Throughout the year, include a variety of awards and award types.

What attributes makes these descriptions good?

On the ones you felt 'needs improvement', how would you suggest improving the description?

What are the elements of a 'good' description?

***Measuring a flower**

Please refer to the Judges Handbook to get the correct sequence for measuring a flower. When you write your practice descriptions, include the measurements. Be prepared to measure a flower for your mentor or another judge at the next judging session.

Please be prepared to discuss at our next monthly judging.

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