# October 2017 Judging Results

Looks like cooler weather might be settling in for a while. Hold back on your watering if the mornings are chilly. If you feel you need to water, wait until mid-day when it is hopefully, the warmest. If the temperature is 50 degrees or lower, don’t water, especially if there is a dry, north wind. Bad things can happen to your orchids if they get a cold, night time rain and stay wet all night. Make sure you put out your snail bait when it’s cool and damp.

Some of your orchids can handle cooler weather, providing it doesn’t get really cold. Your deciduous Dendrobiums do ok with cooler temps, providing you hold off on the watering. This time of year (if it’s cool), their leaves turn yellow and drop from their pendulous canes. They need very little water until spring, after they bloom and new growing leaves emerge. Cattleyas require less water when it’s cool. Vandaceous orchids need more moisture, but require 65 degrees or higher to benefit from the watering. Phalaenopsis should not dry out in the pots, and the medium should be moist through out the year. Many orchids, especially ones with pseudobulbs, can handle extended periods of drought when it’s cooler.

During the winter months, It’s best to cut back on your watering and fertilizing, as the plants slow their metabolism when it’s cool. When you do water and fertilize, try to do it during a warm

period during the middle part of the day, when it’s the warmest.

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**Cattleya Group: 7 entries**

**1st C.** bowringiana Maritza Segovia

**1st B.** cordata Gilda Nolasco

**1st B.** Little Stars Don Bourgoin

**1st B.** David Sander Don Bourgoin

**2nd C.** intermedia Maritza Segovia

**2nd C.** jeamanii Maritza Segovia

**2nd Bc.** Kosh Wallis Don Bourgoin

**Cymbidiod Group: 1 entry**

**1st** Ctsm. gladiatorium x Ctsm. barbatum Maritza Segovia

**Encyclia Group: 1 entry**

**2nd** Enc. cochleata Don Bourgoin

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| **Other Species Group:** | **1 entry** |  |
| **1st** Camarottis apiculata |  | Javier Comesanas |
| **Miniatures Group:** | **2 entries** |  |
| **1st** Erycina pusilla  **1st** Tolumnia variegata |  | Maritza Segovia Javier Comesanas |

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