

July Judging

As we approach the latter part of summer, pay attention to the weather and the affects it has on your orchids. Hot and humid weather will be around for a couple of more months along with the increasing threat of tropical storms. You can't bring in your orchids to your air conditioned house every time it gets hot and rainy, but you can do the next best thing with fans. Orchids love air movement and will benefit from fans running day and night during the summer. A couple of inexpensive box fans can move enough air on a backyard patio to keep your plants cool and happy, and help dry their leaves after a bout of hot, humid, rainy evenings. Those fans usually have speed controls and you can adjust them to lower settings for the night. Air movement also helps bacteria and fungus spores from settling on your orchids.

Tropical storms and hurricanes require immediate attention with your plants. If you grow orchids on your patio and don't have too many, then bring them inside the house. They can take a few days of no sunlight and water without too much stress. If you have many orchids in a greenhouse or outside under trees, then remove them from their benches and hangers and set them on the ground, possibly against a wall or other object that might act as a windbreak. Be sure to spread Snail bait around your orchids. After the storm is over, get your orchids back on the benches and hangers and water liberally to wash off debris as soon as you can. As an extra layer of protection, apply a fungicide and/or bactericide, and remove any damaged leaves and dead growth.

Vandaceous Group: 11 entries

1st	V. Pine Rivers	Mitchell Gazzia
1st	V. Lavender Kachana Mist	Mitchell Gazzia
1st	V. Dr. Anek x V. Gulwadee Fragrance	Mitchell Gazzia
1st	V. Golden Doubloon	Rene' Izquierdo
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1st	V. Karen Armstrong	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	V. Crownfox Golden Dawn	Mitchell Gazzia
2nd	Paravanda Carlos Ochoa	Mitchell Gazzia
2nd	V. Lou Sneary	Tere Camacho
2nd	V. Fuchs Orangeade	Tere Camacho
2nd	V. Fuchs Delight x V. Dr. Anek	Yadel Guia

Cattleya Group: 4 entries

1st	Blc. White Diamonds	Aurora Trajkovic
1st	Diac. Chantilly Lace	Donna Taylor
2nd	Bl. Yellow Bird	Donna Taylor
3rd	Eplc. Volcano Trick	Mitchell Gazzia

Dendrobium Group: 1 entry

1st Den. sanderae var. Luzonicum Tere Camacho

Phalaenopsis Group: 1 entry

2nd Phal. Tying Shin x Brother New Canary Tere Camacho

Encyclia Group: 2 entries

1st Epy. Serena O'Neill Rene' Izquierdo

2nd Epica. Goldenzelle x Enc. gracilis Mitchell Gazzia

Other Species Group: 1 entry

1st Gram. scriptum v. citrina Aurora Trajkovic

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