

October Judging

October seems to have been a tough month for orchids, as we can tell by the numbers and the quality of orchids brought in for judging. This time last year we also had slim pickings, but that was due to Hurricane Irma. This years' orchids were done in by large populations of thrips and aphids. We even had live thrips and some aphids show up for judging!

Here are a few helpful hints to get rid of insects. Thrips like warm, dry weather, which we had for the last few weeks. Aphids are around with ants, as the aphids secrete sweet fluids the ants like to harvest and eat. If you have ants, then you probably have aphids and scale. Go to OFE International or a home improvement center and buy some Orthene, which is a systemic insecticide. Systemic means the orchids or plants absorb the insecticide so it remains active for a couple of months, inside the plant. Apply mixture with a sprayer, making sure you cover the entire plant, roots and all. If you have orchids in pots, apply Orthene in the pots, so you can control ants and roaches, where these pests seem to hide. Reapply this insecticide in 2-3 months, if needed.

Next month will be our last judging session of the year. Now's the time to start grooming your orchids for November. You can fertilize with a high potassium - phosphorus fertilizer to help strengthen roots, stems, and leaves for winter.

Judging Results

Vandaceous Group: 6 entries

1st	V. Fuchs Spotted Cat x V. Fuchs Key Lime	Chris Houk
2nd	V. Marianne Montoro	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	Rhyctrm. Ladda Gold	Chris Houk
2nd	V. Uraivan Blue*	Mitchell Gazzia
3rd	V. Golden Doubloon	Tere Camacho
3rd	Paravanda Carlos Ochoa	Tere Camacho

Cattleya Group: 5 entries

1st	Myv. Rossy Ochoa*	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Pot. Mem. Lucille Lee	Mitchell Gazzia
2nd	Blc. Sherrie Styles	Donna Taylor
3rd	B. Makai x C. Triumph # 2	Rene' Izquierdo
3rd	Stlma. Kelley	Tere Camacho

Dendrobium Group: 3 entries

1st	Den. Ponpan (Might recheck for name)	Donna Taylor
2nd	Den. Haleahi Blush	Donna Taylor
2nd	Den. Burana Greenstar	Tere Camacho

Phalaenopsis Group: 1 entry

3rd	Phal. Da Shang Orange Sun	Tere Camacho
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Other Hybrids Group: 1 entry

1st	Zygonisia Murasakikomachi	Donna Taylor
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* V. Uraiwan Blue = V. Dr. Anek x V. Kulwadee Fragrance

* Myv. Rossy Ochoa = B. Little Stars x Mcp.galeottiana

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