

February Judging

Looks like our members are bringing in more orchids of very high quality. They must know what the judges look for and have read our hints for growing award-winning orchids. Maybe you have a blooming orchid, but feel intimidated from all the First Place plants. Forget that, because you too, can grow your orchid just like the other members of the club.

Just remember, when your orchid starts putting out a bloom shoot, don't move the plant or you might get twisted flowers. Now is a good time to spray systemic insecticide like Orthene. The weather is getting warm and dry, so the thrips are getting ready for your buds and flowers! Stake your spikes to support the weight of the developing flowers. The buds should open and not hang down, but face you, so you see all the parts of the flower. Judges like to see clean, healthy foliage. Clean your leaves with 1/2 mixture of milk in water. It makes the leaves clean and removes water spots. Look at the flowers like the judges do. Look for a pleasant display that is pleasing to the eye. Now, bring in your orchid and get it awarded!!

We had **4 Culture Awards** this month. **Chris Houk** received Culture for a large *Cattleya Mem. Cynthia Taylor*, completely surrounding an 8 inch basket. **Melana Davison** won the Trifecta of Culture awards with a well-grown and clean *Cattleya walkeriana* with large, well-shaped flowers. **Melana** also received a Culture for a large *Cattleya guatamalensis*, and she finished the evening with another Culture for her large, beautiful *Phalaenopsis Joy Spring Canary*. **Congratulations, Chris and Melana**, for sharing such beautiful orchids with us.

Judging Results

Vandaceous Group: 10 entries

1st	V. Dr. Leopard	Chris Houk
1st	V. Fuchs Spotted Cat x V. Fuchs Key Lime	Chris Houk
1st	Rcntm. Ladda Gold	Chris Houk
1st	V. Su-Fun Beauty	Chris Houk
1st	V. Motes Green Goblin	Mitchell Gazzia
1st	V. Paki x V. parviflora	David Schaffter
2nd	V. Smiley's Charm *	Mitchell Gazzia
2nd	V. lamellata var. boxallii	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	V. falcata x V. Blaupunkt	Tere Camacho
3rd	V. Robert's Delight	Rene' Izquierdo

* V. Smiley's Charm = V. Dr. Anek x V. Kultana Fragrance

Cattleya Group: 15 entries

1st	Lc. Gold Digger	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	C. lueddemanniana	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Blc. Fuchs Orange Nuggett	Rene' Izquierdo

1st	C. walkeriana (culture)	Melana Davison
1st	C, guatalmensis (culture)	Melana Davison
1st	C. lueddemianniana	Melana Davison
1st	C. lundii	Melana Davison
1st	C. Memoria Cynthia Taylor (culture)	Chris Houk
2nd	B. Aristocrat	Donna Taylor
2nd	Blc. Orange Treat	Donna Taylor
2nd	C. aurantianca	Donna Taylor
2nd	B. glauca	Rene' Izquierdo
2nd	C. Jami Hollingsworth	Chris Houk
3rd	C. aurantianca	Tere Camacho
3rd	Mvc. Caribbean Legacy x Rth. Fuchs Orange Nugget	Chris Houk

Dendrobium Group: 8 entries

1st	Den. mirbelianum x Den. helix	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Den. Silky Heart	Rene' Izquierdo
1st	Den. Green Lantern	Tere Camacho
1st	Den. Roy Tokunaga	Tere Camacho
1st	Den. noble	Melana Davison
1st	Den. Spring Dream	Aurora Trajkovic
2nd	Den. auriculatum	Tere Camacho
2nd	Den. anosmum	Mitchell Gizzia

Oncidium Group: 2 entries

1st	Onc. splendidum	David Schaffter
2nd	Onc. splendidum	David Schaffter

Phalaenopsis Group: 4 entries

1st	Phal. Joy Spring Canary (culture)	Melana Davison
3rd	Phal. Talin Gold	Tere Camacho
3rd	Phal. Deep Purple	Tere Camacho
3rd	Phal. Da Shyang Orange Sun	Tere Camacho

Paphiopedilum Group: 2 entries

1st Paph. Henrietta fujiwara

Rene' Izquierdo

1st Paph. Chou-Yi Yuki

Melana Davison

Encyclia Group: 1 entry

1st Epi. difforme

Tere Camacho

Miniatures Group: 1 entry

1st Macroclinium manabinum

Gilda Nolasco

Other Species Group: 1 entry

1st Dendrochilum glumaceum

Gilda Nolasco

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