

STOS 2026 Plant Registration Instructions Form

Plant registration for the upcoming orchid show is officially open. Please read the following instructions thoroughly to ensure your plants are properly registered and considered for both ribbon and American Orchid Society (AOS) awards. To register your plants, you can utilize a bulk registration form or you can register using a google registration form. Both of which can be found on our website.

1. Registration Deadline

- All exhibitors (vendors, societies, individuals) must register their plants by **11:59 PM on Thursday, April 30, 2025** for consideration of ribbon and/or AOS awards. Plants can be brought after this deadline but will not be eligible for judging!
- **Modification/Deletion Window:** If necessary, you may modify or delete your entries on **Friday, May 1, 2025** during set-up, but please note that no registration changes will be accepted after **4:00 PM** on that day.
- For bulk entries, you may download the registration spreadsheet from our website (and attached), complete it, and email it to stosorchids.shows@gmail.com. ***I will respond to every bulk registration email; if you do not get a response prior to the registration deadline let me know IMMEDIATELY.***

2. Important Registration Guidelines

- **Register If Unsure:** If you are uncertain about any aspect of your orchid's classification, register it anyway. It is far easier to delete an incorrect entry than to add one at the last minute.
- **Do Not Delay:** PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE TO REGISTER YOUR PLANTS.

3. Determining Your Plant's Class

- Before choosing your plant's class, please read through all the classes listed in the appropriate group of the Plant Registration Classes list.
- Place your plant in the **first class in which it belongs.**
- For plants without an ID (such as Phals and others), registration is still encouraged if you have a likely class in mind. Note that while these plants are eligible for ribbon judging, they are not eligible for an AOS award.

- **Assistance:** STOS members, vendors, or non-affiliated registrants needing help determining a class can contact me directly via email at stosorchids.shows@gmail.com. Others should reach out to a representative within their organization for assistance. Remember, an incorrectly registered plant may not be eligible for judging.

4. House Grown Plants

- House Grown Plants are those that have not been grown in a greenhouse for at least one year. This includes plants grown on a windowsill, under lights, in terrariums, or outdoors.
- If you would like your plant to be considered for the House Grown award, please check the appropriate box on the registration form. There will be one award for the best House Grown plant overall.

5. American Orchid Society (AOS) Award Fee

- If your plant receives an AOS award, you will be billed by the AOS for the registration fee, which is currently **\$40 for AOS members** and **\$60 for non-AOS-members**.
- Failure to pay this fee will result in disqualification from future AOS awards. If the fee presents a hardship, please discuss it with your society members.
- Indicate on your registration if you wish for your plant to be considered for an AOS award. Judges may consider any registered plant for the award.