

***The Ottawa Orchid Society
in conjunction with
its annual Orchid Show "Orchidophilia"
and the unique occasion of hosting
the Canadian Orchid Congress Meeting and Symposium***

***invites Orchid Societies and
professional and amateur florists***

***to participate in the Show in
a competition for orchid corsages***

***to adorn a dress specifically designed for the Show
by Paris-trained Ottawa couturier Richard Robinson.***

***At the Nepean Sportsplex
April 25-27, 2008***

A photograph of the dress, modeled by R.Robinson's assistant, Kadija Brown, is posted on the Ottawa Orchid Society web site at www.ottawaorchidsociety.com.

Swatches of the apple green silk organdy dress material can be obtained upon request at registration for the competition (see below for deadlines and address for registration) .

Prize ribbons will be awarded. A panel of distinguished Judges will judge the entries.

For more information and registration deadlines, please consult the registration information given on the attached sheet.

Please pass this announcement to others who may be interested in this event.

RULES and PROCEDURES FOR the ORCHID CORSAGE COMPETITION

1. Corsages will be judged on their artistic and technical merit, and on how well they complement the style and colour of the dress. Live orchids must be the dominant flower used in the corsage. Greens and other flowers and accessories such as ribbon may also be used, but their role in the corsage should be secondary and supporting to the orchid(s). Dyed and artificial flowers and foliage may not be used.
2. Participants in the corsage competition may enter one of two classes:
Class 130: Orchid Corsages: Amateur. Members of Canadian orchid societies who are not floral professionals and students currently enrolled in a floral design program. These students may have work in a floral business.
Class 131: Orchid Corsages: Professional. Florists working in a florist business.
3. Please register your intention to participate by mail or e-mail by April 21, 2008 using the form below. There is no fee for entry. One corsage per participant. Upon registration, each entry will be given a number to identify it until after the judging has been completed and ribbons awarded. When the Show opens, the name and affiliation of the contestants will be presented beside the corsage. At this time, business cards may also be placed beside the corsage. These should be provided to the registrar when the corsage is brought to the Show.
4. The decision of the judges will be final. According to American Orchid Society rules which are followed at the Ottawa Show, the judges may, at their discretion, further divide the classes, for reasons they deem appropriate. Following the practice of the Ottawa Orchid Society, prize ribbons will be awarded. These will be first, second, third and honourable mention. There may be more than one award given for all categories except first.
5. As well, there will be one best in show ribbon for the cut flower category which includes two floral arrangement classes as well as the two corsage classes. (Anyone also wishing to enter these classes, which are usual features in our Show, should consult the Show Schedule for registration deadlines and more information on the Ottawa Orchid Society web site at www.ottawaorchidsociety.com).
6. Participants are responsible for providing their own corsage materials. To aid in the design and choice of materials, a swatch of the green silk chiffon used in the gown is available and can be mailed or delivered upon request to participants.
7. Participants are asked to register for the competition before 6 p.m. on April 21, 2008 using the form and address below. Late registrations may be accepted at the discretion of the Show Chairman, depending on available space.
8. Registrants are asked to identify how the corsage is intended to be worn, e.g. as a wrist, waist, shoulder corsage, etc. This information will help the organizers decide how to display the corsages at the Show.

9. Corsages must be delivered to the OOS Show Registration desk at the Curling rink of the Nepean Sportsplex between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday April 25. Results will be announced when the show opens at noon on Saturday April 26.
10. Although there will be security provided at the Show, and measures are actively taken to prevent loss and theft, the Society regrets it cannot assume responsibility for lost or damaged property.
11. Corsages will be exhibited for the duration of the Show and should not be removed during this time. Exceptional circumstances, if any, must be approved by the Show Chairs. Corsages may be picked up at the close of the Show at 5-5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 27. Please be prompt. While we wish to accommodate individuals, take down is a fast activity, and we regret corsages not picked up by the deadline will be disposed or donated by the Show Committee.

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CORSAGE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for registration: April 21 at 6 p.m.

Registration forms can be:

- e- mailed to jhollebone@sympatico.ca, or,
- mailed to Jean Hollebone, Ottawa Orchid Society, 1176 Castle Hill Cres, Ottawa K2C 2A8 or
- faxed to Algonquin College School of Floral Design attn L Whyte 613- 727-7658

Name of contestant	
Address	
Name of Floral Business, if applicable	
Telephone Number	
Email address if applicable	
Class entered: 130 Amateur Corsage 121 Professional Corsage	130..... 131.....
Please explain how the corsage is intended to be worn, e.g. wrist, waist, shoulder, etc.	
Amateurs: Please indicate your Society affiliation or design school and student number.	