



British Orchid Council

....promoting societies and orchid growing...

Just a fairly brief update on how to enter the Covid Congress this time folks.

We are all so pleased that the entries have started to roll in!

Do go and have a look at the website where you can check the current entries for each class. Since the last Bulletin, there have been several questions that people have been asking. So please check the FAQ below and you should find answers to anything that got missed last time!

Please, send each entry as soon as you take the pictures, there is no need to wait until the last minute in order to send everything at once. It will make life easier if the images don't all arrive in a big rush at the end—remember Chris has to upload everything and then organise judging teams, and depending on the number of entries and it can take a lot of time.

Entries to: chairman@british-orchid-council.info

website: <http://bocovid19congress.org.uk/>



We have had good weather here this past week as I hope you have too. A bit more sunshine should help to get the orchids flowering and those spikes that have been sulking for weeks to open! It helps to make everyone feel better anyway.

I even have a few *Dactylorhiza* coming through, I have been trying to grow these for years with very little success so I am very excited about these ones!

These appeared in my Hosta pots last year, and are there again - so hope they will flower again!



Central Orchid Society received some sad news this week.

John Jones, their former Chairman and President passed away, aged 94 - perhaps some of you may remember him? John was also a BOC judge for many years.

He was one of the very first people I spoke to when I started to grow orchids. I remember him taking the time and trouble to talk to me and answer what were most likely very silly questions. His wife Betty, passed away a few years ago.

Dave and I will always remember going to the WOC in Glasgow, with John and Betty and also Jack and Muriel Whitehouse. All lovely people who are sadly no longer with us. They helped many others along the way with their orchid growing and who put such a lot of work into their societies in order to keep them going and to encourage people coming into the hobby. They are remembered very fondly by those that knew them.

FAQ

1. Who can enter?

if you are in the UK - a) anyone who is a member of an orchid society
AND b) anyone else who grows orchids!

not in the UK?—you may still enter provided you are either a member, honorary member, affiliated member etc. of a UK orchid society. (e.g. OSGB and Central OS both have overseas members)

2. How many pictures can I enter?

as many as you like!! But please use common sense and don't send dozens!!

3. Closing date for entries?

Sunday 7th June This means the final results will come out just after the dates for the Malvern show that couldn't be held this year.

4. What do I put in my email with my entry?

very simply:

you only need to put your name and the name of your OS if you have one

Your images should be attached as .jpg files labelled with the correct name of the orchid the details are in the previous bulletin.

eg Restrepia antennifera plant.jpg Restrepia antennifera flower.jpg

5. My orchid is an unidentified species

Then label it as sp. (for species!) after its genus.

For example Pleurothallis, (never seem to have their specific name) would be Pleurothallis sp,

Other genera might be Catasetum sp., Dracula sp.

Checklist

1. Clean up and present your plants as carefully as you would for any ordinary show
2. Photograph them against a plain background
3. Photograph both the whole plant and a single flower
4. Save the images with the correct file names as jpg images (see above)

Most importantly....

5. ENTER THE CONGRESS!!

email your images to:

chairman@british-orchid-council.info