

Results of Great Plains Judging Center, June 2019

A prodigious judging was held in June with an astonishing 25 plants presented and 14 awards given.

So this month the awards will be grouped by awards with a bit more explanation given. Can you see why the judges awarded these plants?

Flower quality awards: As you would guess, these are awards for superior quality of flowers. Consideration is given to form, color, floriferousness, and improvement over the parentage (if a hybrid). There are three levels of award

FCC: First Class Certificate scoring 90 – 100 pts.

AM: Award of Merit, scoring 80-89 points.

HCC: Highly Commended Certificate 75 -79 points



Dendrobium Aussie Hi-Lo 'M & B' HCC 79 pts

Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke

Four tubular flowers and two buds on six inflorescences; sepals and petals red centrally, yellow distally; lip saccate, yellow overlaid red, brown stripes distal one-fifth, yellow picotee apical edge; column cream-colored, anther cap ivory; ovary red-pink, pubescent, 1.5cm long x 0.3cm wide; substance medium; texture crystalline.



Dendrobium lawesii 'Bryon' HCC 79 pts.

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

Seventy-six tubular flowers and eight buds on 14 inflorescences; sepals and petal light orange, overlaid red-pink on proximal two-thirds; lip translucent white, concave longitudinally, apex fimbriate; column and anther cap white; ovary 0.2cm wide by 2.0cm long, red-pink, ribbed longitudinally; substance medium; texture crystalline; actual parentage 'Red & Yellow' x 'Devil or Angel'.



Catyclia Walnut Valley Purple Star 'M & B' AM/86

Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke

Nine well-arranged flowers, two buds on one strong upright 41cm inflorescence; sepals and petals lavender, tipped white, margins slightly recurved; lip white overlaid dark purple, midlobe veined darker purple, margins dentate, tip recurved, side lobes enclose column and overlap, striped purple interiorly; column white, blushed purple on superior surface, anther cap tan; ovary brown, 0.4cm wide x 5.5cm long; substance heavy, texture crystalline; pleasant fragrance noted.

Sarcochilus ceciliae 'Bryon Rinke' AM/81

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

Twenty-seven slightly cupped, somewhat open flowers and 49 buds on nine sequentially blooming inflorescences up to 14-cm long; sepals and petals pink, blend to light pink basally, lightly veined slightly darker pink; lip pink, midlobe saccate, light pink anterior surface, side lobes finely striped dark pink interior surface; column pink, anther cap bright pink; substance light; texture sepals and petals light diamond dust, lip matte. Species from Australia.



Editors Note: I helped judge this plant.....IT IS PINK. The photo does simply not reflect the true color.



Epidendrum arbuscula 'Bryon' AM/81

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

Thirty-three flowers ten buds on one terminal pendulous, to 20cm long, racemose inflorescence and one developing inflorescence;

sepals and petals chartreuse heavily overlaid red-brown, tips cupped; sepals tipped chartreuse; lip attached at end of the column, chartreuse heavily overlaid red-brown, central portion with star-burst keels cream-colored, lateral and distal margins heavily reflexed; column chartreuse blushed red-brown on distal two-thirds; anther cap light brown; ovary 0.2cm wide x 3.5cm long, chartreuse; sheath at base of ovary 0.3cm wide x 1.1cm long, chartreuse; substance firm; texture sepals and petals glossy, lip matte; plant is very rambling; species from Central America.



Epidendrum Pacific Trek 'Max' AM 82

Exhibitor: Max Thompson

Thirty-two flowers, ten buds on one strong, upright 19-cm inflorescence; sepals and petals red-orange lightly veined red; petals slightly crenulated on dorsal edge; lip bright red-orange, centrally yellow, yellow longitudinal keel, two yellow small horns near column attachment, lip margins incised; column red basal three-fourths, distal apex yellow; anther cap green; substance firm; texture matte; actual parentage is Epidendrum Pacific Padre 'Playful' x Epidendrum Pacific Crest 'Neon'

Paphiopedilum Joyce Hasegawa 'Max' AM/80

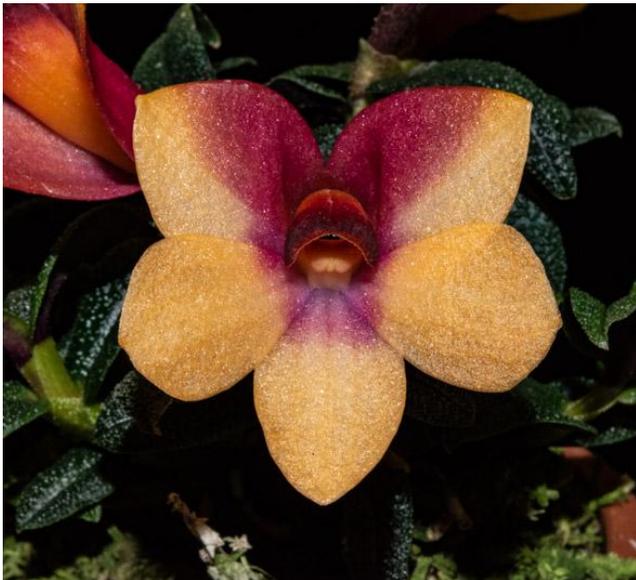
Exhibitor: Max Thompson

Three flowers on two 16-cm inflorescences; sepals and petals white, reverse overlaid light pink, sparsely spotted maroon at base, petals hirsute at base; pouch white, blushed pink and faintly tessellated superior surface, interior spotted maroon; staminode yellow overlaid light brown lateral halves, blushed pink on superior margins; substance light; texture matte.



Dendrobium Mtn's Butterfly Kisses 'Bryon' AM/80

Four tubular flowers on four inflorescences; dorsal sepal and petals red basal one-fourth, yellow distally, lateral sepals yellow superior one-half, red inferior one-half; lip saccate, yellow overlaid red, striped brown distal one-fifth, thin yellow picotee apical edge; column cream, anther cap ivory; ovary red-pink, pubescent, 2.0cm long x 0.3cm wide; substance medium; texture crystalline.





Vanda Sanchai Gold Spot 'Susan'
AM/83

Exhibitor: Susan Tompkins

Fifteen round flat flowers and no buds pleasingly arranged on two inflorescences; sepals and petals yellow, wide margin overlaid orange, spotted maroon centrally, spots heavier on lateral sepals; lip trilobed, midlobe yellow heavily overlaid maroon, fades to yellow base color basally, three distinct yellow keels, saccate side lobes yellow lightly spotted maroon interiorly; column yellow, anther cap cream-colored, thin maroon picotee; ovary 6cm in length, ribbed, cream distally blends to pale green basally, green sheath at base; substance firm; texture matte.

Phragmepedium Kai Quintal 'Timbucktoo'
AM/82

Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt

Four flowers and three buds on one branched sequentially blooming strong upright 99.0cm inflorescence; dorsal sepal and synsepal somewhat twisted, light green, reverse heavily striped maroon, margins white, undulate; petals twisted, light green, reverse overlaid and striped maroon distal three-fourths, margins white, undulate; pouch light green overlaid light mahogany, interior speckled light mahogany; semi-circular staminode lime green, margin fringed dark maroon, stigmatic surface ivory; substance medium; texture waxy.



Cultural Awards: These awards are to the grower for excellence in cultural.

CCE: Certificate of Cultural Excellence 90-100 pts

CCM: Certificate of Cultural Merit 80 - 89 pts.



Bulbophyllum lobbii 'Different' CCM/87

Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt

Forty-two evenly spaced and nicely presented flowers and seven buds on 49 inflorescences, longest of 30cm; well grown plant with only minor foliage blemishes of 90cm diameter and 55cm in height grown in a 35cm diameter hanging wire basket in a bark and sphagnum mix; dorsal sepal erect, yellow faintly lined pale green, reverse stippled maroon showing faintly through to front; lateral sepals falcate, veined and spotted maroon; petals strongly reflexed, veined maroon; lip articulate, lightly stippled maroon, apex reverse heavily stippled maroon; column yellow, column foot stippled maroon, anther cap bright yellow; substance very firm; texture waxy.



Epidendrum oerstedii 'Sarah and Bryon' CCE/90

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

One hundred sixty-eight open stellate flowers and 84 buds on 28 upright inflorescences pleasantly arranged around periphery of a clean plant 33cm tall by 92cm wide grown in a 20-cm plastic pot; sepals and petals chartreuse, acuminate, margins somewhat reflexed, petals somewhat appressed; lip white, trilobed, side lobes with erose margins, yellow calli, anther cap white, 6.9-cm ovary chartreuse; substance firm; texture matte; commended for high flower count per inflorescence; species from Central America.



Sobennikoffia robusta 'Max' CCE 90

Exhibitor: Max Thompson

One hundred stellate, cupped flowers well presented and spaced on eight semi-pendulous inflorescences up to 40cm long; plant very well grown in a 16-cm teak basket filled with charcoal; plant 64cm wide by 60cm tall, very clean spotless foliage; dorsal sepal white, apex re-curved; petals white, apex re-curved; lateral sepals white, up-swept; lip trilobed white with green throat, spur green 0.4cm wide x 4.5cm long, up-swept; column white, anther cap pale green; substance firm; texture matte; species night fragrant; species from Madagascar.

Certificate of Horticultural Merit CHM

'Awarded to a well-grown and well-flowered species or natural hybrid with characteristics that contribute to the horticultural aspects of orchidology, such as aesthetic appeal. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center Chair pending taxonomic verification supplied by the exhibitor.' *AOS judging handbook*.



Polystachya cultriformis 'Vanderlip' CHM

Exhibitor: Max Thompson

Ninety-two cupped flowers and 64 buds on nine multiple branching, semi-pendulous inflorescences up to 24cm in length, two developing inflorescences; sepal and petals cream-colored, margins very pale pink picotee, pale pink blush on reverse and midrib; lateral sepals join to form mentum; lip pale yellow, darker yellow distal two-thirds, blushed brown centrally, central brown keel, side lobes cream-colored; column and anther cap cream-colored; ovary 0.1cm wide x 0.7cm long, pale chartreuse, ribbed longitudinally; substance heavy; texture waxy; [commended for different color form than previous award](#); species from Africa; ID by SITF _____

Commentary: The CHM award is not a point scored award: the judges find the plant and flowers notable [for the highlighted reason](#). The award is provisional until the plant is identified by the Species Identification Task Force (SITF). This can take a number of months.

This month: AOS Judge and KOS Past President Bryon Rinke will be presenting the slides for 2019 AOS Special Awards Nominations. Learn how the Great Plains Judging Center evaluates plants for national consideration.