

Great Plains Judging Center

Each month on the third Saturday there is official American Orchid Society Judging held at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas at 10:30 am.

Any person may present a plant for consideration and evaluation and all are welcome to come and observe.

For more information contact Max Thompson, Bryon Rinke or Sarah Pratt. In June, 10 plants were entered for consideration and two awards given.

Editor's note: The encyclia below was collected legally from the wild by Richard Vanderlip. He has grown this plant very successfully and many KOS members have a division. Once this plant is officially identified by the Species Identity Task Force (SITF) and the award finalized, all divisions will have the clonal name of 'Selma'; and as such be awarded plants.

Encyclia chloroleuca 'Selma' HCC 79 pts.
Exhibitors: Max Thompson & Bryon Rinke



One hundred fifty-three stellate flowers on four strong upright, chartreuse, smooth heavily branched inflorescences up to 127cm; sepals lanceolate and petals spathulate, light yellow-green, light magenta stripes on distal one-half, more pronounced on petals, sepals reverse blushed magenta; lip tri-lobed, cream-colored, midlobe light yellow-green picotee, magenta stripes centrally, callus centrally with three magenta stripes, lateral margins recurved ruffled, side lobes cstriped magenta basal one-third; column 0.5cm wide x 1.1cm long, light green basal one-half, cream-colored distal one-half, anther cap tan; ovary 0.2cm wide x 2.7cm long, green, ribbed longitudinally; substance heavy; texture matte; species collected in Belize in 1969; ID by SITF _____.

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Blast Furnace
'Mark & Karlene Sanborn' AM 80 pts.
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Five very round flat flowers on two inflorescences; sepals and petals orange-red, overlaid, veined and flared red; lip ruffled, yellow overlaid dark red distal one-half, striped red interiorly; column and anther cap white; substance firm; texture matte.