**1-7-1 Define: wow factor, fatal flaw, lateral awards**

RESOURCES:

* “Judges Corner: Score Sheet News for the AOS (wow factor)” Baenziger. *Orchids*. 09-2022 – ignore proposed point scale—just use for definition of wow factor
* “The Fatal Flaw”. Gerber et al. Judges Forum. Awards & Judging tab. aos.org
* “The Fatal Flaw – a proposal”. Kobayashi. Judges Forum. Awards & Judging tab. aos.org
* “Lateral awarding of Orchids”. Boudinot. Judges Forum. Judging tab. aos.org

RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

* Define wow factor. How does it affect AOS awards? Ribbon judging? Gives examples.
* In the *Hybridizers Supplement* (2022) to *Orchids*, Fred Clarke uses the term in his article on Catasetinae. How is he using the term?
* Define fatal flaw. Give examples. How severe must a flaw be to preclude judging on an otherwise awardable orchid?
* You feel that an orchid can be scored for Quality even though it has a significant flaw. But when you look at it, you know that photographing it will make the flaw look like a flashing neon sign. What would you do?
* You are looking at a plant with light, hard-water staining or insecticide white staining on the leaves. The plant is otherwise exceptionally well grown and could be scored for a cultural, but not quality award. Could you consider the *light* staining a fatal flaw? If you were scoring for a quality award, would you take water marking on the leaves into consideration?
* Define lateral award.
* How do you reconcile the three pillars in section 7.1 of the Handbook with lateral awards?
* A grex or species has 35 quality awards. If you took the conservative view of awarding any more examples of the species or grex, what would you do with an alba example when there have been no previous awards to albas?
* When a breeder uses selfing or sibling crosses, the result is still the same grex or species name as the parents. What would it take to consider the result of such breeding efforts for an award and when it would not be considered a lateral award?
* Judges talk about ‘resetting’ the bar for awarding quality when better clones of species come along or are produced through selective breeding or better-quality parents are used in remaking a hybrid. Would you give an award of equal, higher or less points to an older award to reset the bar? Or would you feel you must always give a higher award?
* A hybrid has 48 quality awards that are typically red or red-orange with a number of AMs. The same hybrid cross is brought to judging that is golden orange, a color that has not been awarded before but the other aspects such as form and floriferousness are in the high HCC range. What would you do? If it was given a 79 or 80, would you considerthat lateral awarding? To be granted an award, what would you expect from the quality of the color vs the fact that it is a new color?
* A vanda with three inflorescences with 14-16 flowers on each has been awarded a CCM of 82 in Florida. The same vanda is brought to judging with in Minnesota with three inflorescences with 13 flowers on each. All other qualities were equal as far as you can tell for the two. Would you consider giving a CCM in Minnesota and if so, what score and why? Could this be considered a lateral award?