**1-6-1-c Cultural Awards**

**RESOURCES**:

* Handbook on Judging: 6.2.2-6.2.2.1; 7.3.1; 6.3.2
* aos.org webinar. “Judging Cultural Awards”. Allen-Ikeson. 02-2021 <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/4321656154969834760>
* “The Certificate of Cultural Merit”. Riopelle. Judges Forum. Awards & Judging tab. aos.org
* “Certificate of Cultural Merit”. Peterson. Judges Forum. Judging tab. aos.org
* aos.org webinar. “Judging Tiny Flowers”. Bachman. 03-2021 <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/6883182897820014593>

**RESEARCH QUESTIONS**:

* There are two important aspects of Cultural awards that are unique when compared to Quality awards or the CHM or CBR; both related to the owner. What are they? Be sure to read the Handbook!
* How many points are given for ‘floriferousness’? What would you consider in scoring these points beyond the total number of flowers?
* Is it always necessary that the plant be ‘flowered all around the plant’? Why or why not? How much of the natural plant habit is involved in this; for example, *Masdevallias* and a plant like *Phragmipedium besseae* have a different growth habit.
* Since the award is given to grower for their accomplishment, would that accomplishment include how well the plant is grown in a particular environment; for example, a vanda grown on a windowsill in Wisconsin versus the same species or grex grown in Florida in a greenhouse or shade house?
* You are presented with two plants of *Miltonia moreliana*, each with 35 flowers on 35 inflorescences evenly flowered around the plant. Plant A is a larger plant with 130 growths in a 35 cm pot; Plant B is not as large, but in a 20 cm pot with 56 growths. Both are in equal condition. Although the size and condition of the plant merits half the points, the smaller plant is more fully flowered suggesting better and more intense culture. Would you give it a higher score despite it being a smaller plant? Note, both had the same number of flowers.
* What other award(s) could be given at the same time as a cultural award? Why would you give more than one type of award on the same day to the same plant (*including to its owner*)?
* Species with tiny flowers are often given botanical awards or cultural awards but not quality awards? Comment.
* What should always be included in cultural award descriptions: form? culture (pot, media, etc.)? Why it was awarded?