

# AOS Judging Standards for Cycnoches, Mormodes and their Hybrids

Judging the Catasetinae alliance is challenging. These unusual orchids are not often seen at AOS Judging and little prior award information exists. This presentation highlights recent breeding developments with the most influential species and provides instruction on current judging standards for the Catasetinae alliance.

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 30 years and has been hybridizing for 22 of those years. With over 24 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Bulbophyllum and Paphiopedilum hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "*the closest flower color to black ever witnessed*". This grex received five FCC's and three AM's on the first flowers shown for judging.

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

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