

Judging Mini-Catts

Designed as an AOS judges training tool, this talk will familiarize you with the recent AOS awards, current judging standards, and commonly found faults. Fantastic picture of Mini-catt breeding trends from around the world. A PowerPoint presentation.

Bio for above talk

With the wide variety of Mini-Catts available judging them can become challenging. This tool will help affirm the current judging standard and clarify the important attributes and faults. Highlighted are the influential species, recent breeding developments and current AOS awards.

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 seven 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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