



## Volunteer at the North Jersey Orchid Show and Sale

Sign up for volunteer activities by emailing Carrie Buchman ([cbuchman@tncb.net](mailto:cbuchman@tncb.net)). It is helpful to know who and how many people are coming in advance, but walk-ins are always welcome.

**No Experience Necessary! Everyone Welcome!**

### Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Begin the transformation of Traves Hall in the Douglass Student Center into an orchid oasis. Workshop, exhibits and vendor areas are set up; and the North Jersey exhibit is built including orchid taxonomy verification and plant labeling. Pizza lunch is provided. All volunteers are welcome.

### Thursday, January 11, 2018

The transformation of Traves Hall is completed with the remaining exhibitor and the vendors loading in. This may involve unpacking shipping crates and/or building displays. Workshop, exhibits and vendor area set-up is completed. Pizza lunch is provided. All volunteers are welcome.

### Friday, January 12, 2018

**Show Judging:** Following a light breakfast, 25-30 clerk-volunteers work in teams with American Orchid Society (AOS) accredited judges to locate plants in exhibits, record awards, and place show ribbons. Orchids are put into classes by the exhibitors, and judging teams assess the orchids by class awarding ribbons based on the relative merits of the entries. Judging is a team activity and clerks are often invited to participate in ribbon and trophy award conversations. Lunch is provided. Advance registration for clerks is greatly appreciated to facilitate the creation of name badges.

**AOS Judging:** After lunch, 4 to 6 clerk-volunteers pull selected plants from exhibits for American Orchid Society (AOS) judging and return them after judging. AOS judging evaluates orchids against an established database of prior awards. Volunteers are welcome to listen in on the judging discussion and ask questions as time permits.

**Welcome Table:** 3 to 5 volunteers welcome visitors to the show and answer questions as needed including handing out orchid culture sheets and North Jersey orchid Society membership forms. The welcome desk also coordinates twice-daily orchid raffles. Welcome desk volunteers work in 2 hour shifts.

### Saturday, January 13, 2018

**Fragrance Judging:** 2 to 4 clerk-volunteers pull selected plants from exhibits for fragrance judging, coordinate fragrance ribbon placement and return plants once judging is complete. Lunch is provided.

**Welcome Table:** See above.

### Sunday, January 14, 2018

**Welcome Table:** See above.

**Tear Down:** At the conclusion of the show (4 PM), volunteers help exhibitors and vendors remove their exhibits and pack up, and return Traves Hall to its former self.