

SEEDLING BENCH EVALUATION IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS

Please return all items within 5 days after your show ends. Those items include:

- Transmittal sheet (included in this package)
- Scorecards for dahlias that scored 85 or higher
- **Blue** entry tags for dahlias that scored 85 or higher

You do not need to send scorecards for dahlias that score less than 85. Send items to:

Roger Walker
544 129th Avenue Southeast
Bellevue, WA 98005

If no entries score 85 or higher, return the transmittal sheet anyway. We must hear from each club.

Use the new **blue** entry tags you received with this packet. The reverse side of the tags has a form for the judges to complete as they classify each entry. That information will be useful to the seedling bench evaluation committee. There is also a handy tear-off form to leave by each entry for the exhibitors. This information has been requested by the exhibitors. Please comply with their wishes. ***Make sure you staple the blue entry tags to the scorecards for each entry before you mail them to the address above.***

We have a deadline to meet for the ADS website. We must hear from each society to make sure there were no omissions.

The following rules will be strictly enforced:

All entries entered in the Seedling Bench Evaluation section ***must be named and that name must be placed on the entry tag.*** If an entry does not achieve a final score of 85 and that variety is no longer entered for Seedling Bench Evaluation, the name may be reused.

All entries must be judged by at least 2 senior judges and not more than 2 accredited judges, providing that at least three judges participate in scoring each variety and that the number of senior judges outnumbers the accredited judges.

Honorary judges are considered neither senior nor accredited; **scores from honorary judges are not to be used in official scoring and are not to be submitted.** Similarly, candidate judge scores are not considered.

Only senior and accredited judge scores will be used to determine the official reported score of each entry. The final score will be the average of all scores.

Please dispose of old ADS entry tags. These new **blue** entry tags indicate whether the variety will be introduced in 2027. We need that question answered.