

REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

November 3-5, 2006

****ACTION NEEDED**** To affirm the following “in principle” actions.

1. That the designation of Judges’ titles be: Apprentice (A), Garden/Exhibition (G/E), Senior (S) [formerly Master/Active], Retired (R) [formerly Master/Retired], Master (M) [formerly Emeritus], and Overseas (OS).
2. That, by definition, a fully accredited AIS judge is any currently approved judge in the following categories: G/E, S, M, and OS.
3. That the following statement in the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* (page 8) be rescinded. “These judges (Master/Retired) may be used as a show judge if needed by a show committee. They are to be assigned to a panel with an accredited judge or an active Master judge.”
4. That an approved judges’ training class be defined as: A structured in-classroom or in-garden instruction for 2 or more participants, presented by a fully accredited AIS judge. A written test of at least 10 questions for each hour of training credit shall be administered, discussed and filed with the regional JT chair.
5. That the current requirements for in-garden training be reaffirmed.
6. That the current scale of points in the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* for the Artistic Division be retained.

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In point scoring in an Exhibition, the judge may wish to follow these guidelines . A cultivar scoring 90 to 100 points merits a Blue Ribbon, a cultivar scoring 80 to 89 points merits a Red Ribbon, and a cultivar scoring 70 to 79 points merits a White Ribbon. The judge should not treat these guidelines as requirements for this makes exhibition judging a mechanical action and does not take into consideration qualitative evaluations.

****ACTION NEEDED****

- How many copies of the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials*, Seventh Edition, 2006, are to be printed? 2,500 copies of the Sixth Edition, 1998, were printed, approx. 520 are still in inventory. There are approx. 700 fully accredited and Apprentice judges at the present time.
- The cost will be:

1,500 copies = \$	7,500.00	= \$ 6.25 each
2,000 copies = \$	8,375.00	= \$ 5.58 each
2,500 copies = \$	10,000.00	= \$ 5.00 each

These quotes are based on approx. 260 pages, 3-hole punched, shrink wrapped. We do not propose to print or purchase new binders.

- What will be the selling price in The Storefront?