

## ALM Priority Trait Scoring

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Judge's Name:			Evaluation Year:									
Region <i>(select from drop down or type other)</i>				Zonal Climate <i>(select from drop down or type other)</i>		Maritime   Valley   Continental   Mountain   Desert   Temperate   Semi-tropical		USDA Zone:				
Cultivar Name:			Check only <b>one</b> if TRUE		If "TRUE" is <b>checked</b> go to...		FALSE Disqualified <i>(Stop Scoring)</i>		Score		Running total	
Step	Focus	Description (TRUE statement)		75-89% TRUE	90-100% TRUE							
1	Foliage & Stem Appearance	Foliage and stems show little to no blemishes, discolorations, or distortions at any time.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	step 2	<input type="checkbox"/>					
2	Stem Habit (Bush Shape)	Bush is symmetrical and stems are upright with no drooping and bending.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	step 3	<input type="checkbox"/>					
3	Plant: Growth, Vigor, Consistency	Consistent strong growth from year to year. Includes: stem height, strength and increase, foliage consistency and form. <i>(May be genetic, but also impacted by environmental factors)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	step 4	<input type="checkbox"/>					
4	Seasonal Disease Resistance	Disease resistance from emergence to dormancy, including visible parts (stems, leaves, buds). If known, root and crown disease resistance may be considered. <i>(Diseases may manifest themselves as: twisted/irregular leaves/stems, discoloration in leaves/stems, dead areas and/or spotting in leaves/stems, basal stem death, flower bud diseases, fungal coating of leaves/stems, root/crown decay from infections. - Common diseases: botrytis and mildew)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	step 5	<input type="checkbox"/>					
5	Flower Carriage & Location	Flowers are consistently carried on stems and flowers are not hidden from view. <i>(side facing, down facing, upfacing consistency and uniformity)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	step 6	<input type="checkbox"/>					
6	Flower Consistency	Flowers are consistent in form, size, color and resistance to disease, damage, and climate variables. <i>(forms should not be mixture...double, semi-double, single, etc... and should be consistent throughout)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	step 7	<input type="checkbox"/>					
7	Petal Shed	Plants may shed their spent petals after bloom. A genetic trait. Called self-cleaning when petals fall without assistance. <i>(Self-cleaned plants may be expected to appear "clean" after bloom. Petals remaining on foliage are not scored.)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	step 8	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>Scores of 89 to 98 are acceptable for ALM Nomination</b>								<b>Total:</b>				
<b>Distinction Observations</b>												
Distinction Observations are not scored, but are useful in descriptions which will note special characteristics of interest. Checking "TRUE" indicates the trait(s) is present in the plant evaluated. Further notes can be included to clarify a mark of "TRUE"												
	Focus	Description		TRUE		Comments (optional)						
	Foliage & Stem Longevity	Foliage retains a pleasing appearance after bloom to autumn dormancy. <i>(plant does not go into early dormancy, leaves remain green or pleasing color, stems remain upright after bloom to create an acceptable shrub)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>								
	Unique Plant Traits	Unusually unique and pleasing traits which plants exhibit <i>(ex: unique stem branches, bud shape, leaf configuration, height, etc...)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>								
	Climate Resistance	Notable plant resistance to climate conditions <i>(wind, rain, radiation, etc...)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>								
	Fall Color	Attractive and distinctive foliage, stem, and/or carpel color in autumn		<input type="checkbox"/>								
	Emergent Color	Attractive and distinctive early season plant coloration in comparison to similar types <i>("types" include similar group or flower forms and plant habits)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>								
	Flowering Duration	Extended bloom period <i>(Bloom period may be different lengths depending upon cultivar traits. Extended bloom may be seen on some cultivars enhancing landscape use. Side buds may extend bloom period.)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>								
	Bloom Period	Flower occurs outside of the normal "peak" bloom period for similar types <i>("types" include similar group or flower forms and plant habits)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>								
	Flower Color	Unique flower color, pattern, hue, saturation, clarity and/or variability, enhances landscape value <i>(ex: flares, blush, spots, borders, etc...)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>								
	Exceptional Display	Uncommon floral display for week of bloom <i>(may include abundance, carriage, and coverage)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>								