

GUIDELINES TO BE GRANDFATHERED IN AS AN AIS CERTIFIED ARTISTIC DESIGN JUDGE

Any AIS Judge or other floral society member judge may be grandfathered in as a certified artistic judge if they have met specified requirements in the past or are presently meeting them. (Being a florist may or may not qualify, depending on whether he/she is familiar with the AIS Judges Handbook, Chapter 27, which may not be in line with specific florist designing techniques required by florist companies)

First, he or she must contact the regional AIS judge's training person as to his/her wish to be grandfathered.

Second, a copy of the new AIS Handbook must be purchased, and the person must be able to be familiar with the AIS Artistic Design Division point scale, and read Chapter 27. A statement to that requirement will be requested in writing by the Judge's training person.

Third, proof of judging Artistic Design shows, any past training design sessions attended, training sessions led by the person, Design Best of Show or Artistic Sweepstakes awards collected through the years, or other activities that show a person's knowledge and love of design judging would be requested by the Judge's Training person.

The person requesting to be grandfathered may or may not be contacted by an AIS judge at some time after the request, simply to ask any further questions before the certification.

Once the person receives the certification as an official AIS Design Judge, it would be beneficial to AIS members, if the person would volunteer to help train, be a mentor to, and/or help other AIS judge's working on their hours to become qualified to receive their certificate,

Once a person is certified, there is nothing more required, unless the Principles of Design ever change, but that is not probable or logical.