

Monthly Plant Table Rules

Naples Orchid Society

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To Exhibit Plants:

You must be a member of the Naples Orchid Society and a Hobby Grower. ***You must have owned the plants you want to exhibit for a period of not less than 6 months.*** Any plant without a proper name, hybrid or species, or a plant owned for less than 6 months by a member may be shown on the “Orphan” Table. These plants are also **eligible for ribbon voting but not for point accumulation.**

Plant Table Classes (Categories):

1. Large Cattleya (flowers 4 inches or larger)	8. Large Species
2. Small Cattleya (flowers less than 4 inches)	9. Medium Species
3. Large Vanda (flowers 3 inches or larger)	10. Small Species
4. Small Vanda (flowers less than 3 inches)	11. Oncidium Alliance
5. Dendrobium	12. Slipper Orchids
6. Large Phalaenopsis (flowers 3 inches or larger)	13. Other Tribes
7. Small Phalaenopsis (flowers less than 3 inches)	14. Orphan Table (Ribbons awarded, but no points)

To Enter Plants:

1. For each plant entered complete the information on **TWO GREEN ENTRY FORMS** (see example below). These forms are available at the Plant Table in the back left corner of the gymnasium. Use a **green form with green string attached to tie on your exhibit plant**, the other form, **without string should be handed to the Plant Table Worker**. Tear off the name portion of the green form with strings and place it in the bowl for the Green Tag Drawing.

Green Tag Example

Category <u>Large Cattleya</u> No. <u>6</u>
Orchid Name
<u>Blc. Momilani Rainbow</u> <u>'The Gypsy'</u>
Cross
<u>(Blc. Orange Nugget x Lc.</u> <u>Mari's Song)</u>
.....(Fold Here).....
Exhibitor Name
<u>Your Name Here</u>

- ← Use Categories in Plant Classes List Above
No. refers to the number you put on your plant at the Appropriate Class Table
- ← Print Name of Orchid Here—if unregistered, just list the cross
- ← Print the parents of Orchid Hybrids here
If plant is a SPECIES leave this section blank
- ← Put your name here; tear off this portion on stringed-form and put it in the bowl for Green Tag Drawing

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2. Tie the green tag **with the string** on your plant and place it on the table in the proper category (see list above). Take a number from the box on that table and affix it to your plant. That is the number you enter on your green tags and also the number that voters will use. Improperly filled out green tags may mean disqualification of the entry. See Plant Table workers if you need assistance. A computer with OrchidWiz is available on the back center table for checking the hybrid name and parentage.

3. **Exhibitors must have their plants in place in the proper categories with tags completed by 7:10 PM.** Plants cannot be entered for competition after voting begins.

To Vote for a Plant on Exhibit:

4. **Voting will begin promptly at 7:10 PM**. Each member or guest who would like to vote on the plants exhibited should pick up a ballot from the Plant Table. A number will be affixed to each entered plant. To vote for that plant simply enter the number of the plant in the appropriate box on your ballot sheet.

5. Deposit your Ballot in the multicolored Ballot Box on the Plant Table.

Ribbon Awards:

6. The plant with the most votes in each category will receive a **Blue Ribbon (first place)**; the second highest will receive a **Red Ribbon (second place)**; the third highest will receive a **White Ribbon (third place)**. *There must be a minimum of five entries per class in order to award a first, second and third place ribbon. If there are only four entries then first (Blue Ribbon) and second places (Red Ribbon) will be awarded. If fewer than four plants in any class, only a first place ribbon will be awarded.* (Modified at December 2013 NOS BOD meeting.)

7. In addition the **Best Hybrid Plant** and the **Best Species Plant** (selected by an “expert”) will each receive a **Gold Ribbon**

Ribbons Equal Points:

8. **First Place Blue Ribbon = 3 points; Second place Red Ribbon = 2 points; Third place White Ribbon = 1 point. Gold Ribbon winners for Best Hybrid and Best Species will receive 3 points.**

9. At the end of the calendar year, points will be tallied and the **Top Three Point Winners** (this change effective 2017) will be announced at the next January Meeting and awards presented.

Qualifier:

10. Any Plant thought to be virused, diseased or determined to be carrying insects will be taken off the plant tables, and disqualified.

11. Cut flowers or inflorescences alone will not be accepted for exhibit on the plant tables.