

Monthly Plant Table Rules

Naples Orchid Society

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

HOW TO REGISTER: To Enter Plants:

1. For each plant entered complete the information on **ONE GREEN ENTRY FORM** (see example below). These forms are available at the Plant Table in the back of the gymnasium. Attach a **green form to your exhibit plant** (clothespins are available to make it easier)

Green Tag Example

Insert Plant Category from List Above, e.g. Large Cattleya	Entry Number refers to number you put on your plant from the bucket at Appropriate Class Table, eg. No 6	Print today's date
<p>CATEGORY _____ ENTRY# _____</p> <p>PLANT NAME _____</p> <p>OR</p> <p>PARENTAGE/ CROSS _____</p> <p>NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1962 X</p> <p>FOLD LINE</p> <p>Before Judging Please Fold Under</p> <p>DATE _____</p> <p>EXHIBITOR'S FULL NAME PRINTED _____</p>		
<p>Print Plant Name (Genus and species or Hybrid) here, e.g. Blc Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy' List Parentage/Crosses ONLY if UNREGISTERED HYBRID</p>		<p>Print Your Name Here and Fold under at dotted line, attach paper clip to hold</p>

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2. **AT THE PLANT TABLE:** At each Orchid Category there is a bucket with the name of the category on the front. Inside are laminated plant cards with numbers and category printed on them. Take a number from the bucket on that table and affix it to your plant. That is the number you enter on your green tag 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.

3. **Exhibitors must have their plants in place in the proper categories with tags completed by 6:55 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.**

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** will be announced at the next January Meeting and awards presented.

Awards are: **First Place \$300, Second Place \$200, Third Place \$100**

Qualifier:

10. **Only one plant per pot or mount may be entered for competition.** Multiple plants per pot or mount are NOT eligible for competition.

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

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