

## Monthly Show Table Contest Rules

Revised (03/09)

### **TO EXHIBIT PLANTS:**

You must be a **MEMBER AND A HOBBY GROWER** of the Naples Orchid Society. Plants entered for exhibition must have been the property of the exhibitor for a period of **NOT LESS THAN 6 MONTHS**.

### **TO ENTER PLANTS IN CONTEST:**

- A. Find the green registration cards located on the tables before each meeting.
- B. Fill in the plant name and plant parentage. (ID computer and Sander's Id books available to look up crosses) Also fill in your name as exhibitor and fold back on the fold line. **PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND PLANT NAME CLEARLY!!!**
- C. Members entering plants for the first time must exhibit all plants on the novice table. After the first time a member exhibits he or she may choose to exhibit on either the novice table or the appropriate table as outlined in paragraph D below. If the member wishes to exhibit on Novice table more than once he or she may do so until one of their plants wins 1st Place. He or she **MUST** then compete on the appropriate category at future meetings.
- D. Place the filled out registration card on the plant and place plant where it belongs on either the **SPECIES TABLES** or the **HYBRID TABLES** as to the Genus/Tribe to which it belongs. **ANY MISPLACED PLANT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!** Ask your officers or other members if not certain where to place your plant. There is **NO** contest available for cut flowers or arrangements at the monthly meetings. Also, any plant found to have virus or disease must be removed from the building. Any plant without a name or if you have not owned it long enough to compete in the monthly competition must be shown on the **SHARE & SHOW TABLE ONLY**.
- E. **EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE THEIR PLANTS DISPLAYED ON THE APPROPRIATE TABLE BEFORE 7:10 PM WHEN BALLOTING BEGINS. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT CHANGE THE NUMBER OF RIBBONS AWARDED PER TABLE WHEN TABULATORS NOTE PLANT TABLE NUMBERS AT 7:10PM.**

### **TO VOTE ON PLANTS:**

Members and guest who would like to vote on the plants exhibited at the monthly contest should go to the table at the back of the meeting room and pick up a ballot. Numbers have been affixed to the individual plants. Those numbers will be written on the ballot which corresponds to the various categories. Deposit the ballot in the ballot box. **VOTING BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 7:10 PM.**

### **PLANT TABLES:**

- A. Each member is to vote for one (1) plant that they feel best represents **EACH** category as listed below:
  1. Novice
  2. Other Tribes
  3. Slipper Types
  4. Oncidium Alliance
  5. Phalaenopsis
  6. Dendrobium
  7. Vanda
  8. Small Vanda (less than 3 inches)
  9. Cattleya
  10. Small Cattleya (less than 3 inches)
  11. Small Species (less than 1 inch)
  12. Medium Species (1 inch to 2 inches)
  13. Large Species (larger than 2 inches)

B. Ballots will be tallied and winners will be chosen by majority vote of each division and announced at the meeting. HYBRID and SPECIES ballot tabulation will result in majority vote going to each division. Second and third places ribbons will be awarded in each division with 5 plants or more in the division. Gold Special Awards are awarded usually to 1 plant of the HYBRID tables and 1 plant of the SPECIES tables. These awards are given for outstanding merit or interest by our members who are professional growers. At the end of each monthly meeting that the plant contest is held, the green registration cards are combined and a drawing is held for the GREEN TAG PLANT of which a fine plant is awarded to the winner.

Each ribbon represents points, which are: 1st Place=3 points, 2nd Place=2 points, 3rd Place=1 point and Gold Special Award=3 points

At the end of each calendar year all ribbon winners' accumulative points will be tallied. At the January meeting the following year the top three point earners will be awarded special trophies.