

Naples Orchid Society Show 2012

Individual Plant Entry

Guidelines and Regulations

A. General Requirements

1. All plants must be properly named. Plant parentage is required.
2. Correct classes for individual plant entry is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Assistance will be available in completing the required green registration cards.
3. All plants exhibited will be eligible for special show awards (Trophies) except where special entry is required. **Some NOS Hobby Trophies require completion of an additional separate green registration form (see Classes of Trophy Awards to know which ones require additional entry).**
4. All Hobby Grown Plants entered for ribbon judging and trophies must have been grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of six (6) months; **first bloom seedlings must have been owned for at least one (1) month.**
5. A Hobby Grown Plant belonging to the grower for less than six months may be entered for AOS judging consideration only and should be declared as such to the Registration Clerk at the time of registration.
6. For ribbon judging, First, Second and Third Place ribbons will be awarded.
7. Plants may be entered for ribbon judging in individual plant display (Table Location P) or in any exhibit [Hobby Floor (H), Table (T), or Container (C)]. In the case of borrowed or loaned plants, awards won, if any, must go to the owner of the individual plant and not the Exhibit.
8. Plants owned by commercial growers will not be entered for ribbon judging or trophies designated for NOS Hobby Growers but may be entered for AOS judging.
9. **All first bloom seedlings will be exhibited on a special First Bloom Seedling plant table and MUST be entered in the appropriate seedling class ONLY.**
10. Hobby exhibitors (other than commercial growers) that are not NOS members may enter individual plants only for Ribbon Judging and special show awards (but not NOS designated trophies).
11. In addition to the NOS Hobby ribbons and trophies, plants and flowers may be considered by the American Orchid Society Judges for American Orchid Society Awards. All persons entering plants or flowers in the Show either in exhibits or in individual entries agree to accept any award given and pay for such awards to the American Orchid Society. If an entrant does not wish to accept A.O.S. awards, he or she must inform the Show Chairperson before registering his or her plants or flowers for exhibition.
12. Any plant or flower that has been exhibited previously in another A.O.S. judged show or judging session cannot be considered for A.O.S. awards on the same inflorescence. Any such plants must be identified to the Show Chairperson.
13. Diseased or insect infested plants will not be accepted for entry.
14. Precaution is taken for the safety of plants; however, the society will not be responsible for damage or loss.
15. Individual plant exhibitors are asked to remove plants promptly at 4:00PM, Sunday, March 18th so that exhibit take-down can proceed starting at 5 PM.

B. Registration Procedure

1. All individual plants to be entered for ribbon judging as well as plants to be entered for NOS hobby grower trophies must be registered by completing a green registration form and filing it with the Registration Clerk. Plant registration must be made at the Church Gymnasium on Thursday, March 15th BETWEEN 10 AM AND & 7 PM. Absolutely no entries made after 7 PM!! These plants may be found on the plant table (location P) or in exhibit classes [Hobby Floor (H), Table (T), or Container (C)]. Entries must remain in place for the duration of the Show, at the discretion of the Show Chairperson:
2. **Registration for Individual plants** will consist of two parts
 - (1) **Pre-registration**—present your completed green registration form to an “expert” for assistance in verification of the identification and parentage of the entry. This person will assign the appropriate entry class number.
 - (2) **Registration**—present the verified green registration form to the Registration Clerk who will assign the location and tell you where to take the plant