

## Pinelands Orchid Society Show Table Rules

At each regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Pinelands Orchid Society, there will be a Show Table on which members may display plants. The Show Table will be judged by the Show Table Committee and individuals selected from the general membership. Plants will be judged according to the following classes and rules:

### **Competitive Classes:**

<i>Cattleya</i>	<i>Cattleya</i> -miniature	<i>Cymbidium</i>	<i>Dendrobium</i>
<i>Paphiopedilum</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis</i>	<i>Oncidium Alliance</i>	
<i>Phragmipedium</i>	<i>Vanda</i>	Novice	
Arrangement	Misc. Species	Misc. Hybrids	

The Arrangement class includes arrangements of orchid plants or cut orchid flowers.

The Artistic Class includes orchid-related artwork.

The Novice class is open to those members who have been growing for three years or less, or who have won less than three blue ribbons on the show table.

There is also a non-competitive Open class for recently purchased plants and for those who wish to exhibit their plants without competing.

Plants will be further separated by growing conditions. Blue Show Table slips indicate a windowsill grower, and white indicate a greenhouse grower.

### **Rules:**

- All plants to be judged must be registered and on the Show Table by the start of the meeting (7:30 p.m.).
- Registration slips must be complete and legible and must be the standard form supplied by the club.
- Dues must be paid before a member can exhibit.
- Plants must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of three months to be entered in the competitive classes.
- Once a plant receives an award, the same plant may not be re-entered into the competitive classes unless it has a new inflorescence.
- Plants must be free of disease and pests.
- In each competitive class, judges may award any number of plants, including none, based upon individual merit.

- Classes may be combined or separated at the discretion of the judges, depending upon the quantity of available plants on any one night.

### **Recognition:**

- Ribbon awards will be announced during the Show Table critique.
- Special Award candidates will be selected and photographed each month. The Show Table Committee will hold a meeting in May to review the candidates for the Special Awards and will make their selection for each award. The Special Awards winners will then be announced at the June meeting along with a photo slide presentation. Special Awards winners will be presented with gift certificates for their choice of Waldor Orchids or Parkside Orchid Nursery.

### **Ribbon Awards:**

- Special Recognition (Purple Rosette)
- First Place (Blue Ribbon)
- Second Place (Red Ribbon)
- Third Place (White Ribbon)
- Honorable Mention (Green Ribbon)

### **Special Awards:**

- Best Greenhouse-Grown Plant
- Best Indoor/Windowsill Plant
- Tony Petralia Award for Best *Paphiopedilum* / *Phragmepedium*
- Pat DiSanto Award – Best Miscellaneous Hybrid or Species
- Most Improved Grower of the Year
- Member of the Year for Outstanding Service to the Society