

# **SHOW TABLE RULES**

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## PURPOSE

SEPOS is noted for an outstanding Show Table Exhibition. In fact, it is one of the finest in the U.S., to the credit of those members who bring plants in for exhibiting on the Show Table.

The Show Table is for the **enjoyment** and **enlightenment** of the Society. The awards are secondary. **ALL MEMBERS** are encouraged to bring in as many flowering plants as they wish for display and for discussion, to make the Show Table even better.

## JUDGING

*PLANTS MUST HAVE BEEN OWNED FOR 6 MONTHS AND BLOOMED BY THE MEMBER EXHIBITING.*

The judging system is such that there are no limits to the number of awards given on the Show Table. This allows the judges to award similar and dissimilar plants within each class.

Plants are generally awarded because of high quality, uniqueness and rarity, and being well-grown and groomed. Plant ID cards are used for scoring at meetings and these must be clearly filled out and signed by the plant owner.

Plants can be disqualified at any time by the judges if not properly labeled, if poorly groomed and/or in bad condition, and/or if they are not insect and disease free.

## POINTS

**1 point** is given for each hybrid plant and **1.5 points** to each species exhibited by members at regularly scheduled meetings. **10 points** are given to special “Best Grown” awards. **5 points** per plant are given if the plant is awarded at the meeting.

## **SHOWS**

Plants taken to shows for inclusion in an exhibit will be awarded **1 point** per plant. For shows, a list must be given to and signed by the exhibit chair and the owner.

## **CLASSES**

### *PRESENTED IN THE ORDER OF TABLE PLACEMENT*

**MINI-CLASS** – Species and hybrids

Any orchid with a maximum growth habit of 6” or less; Class does not include Mini-Cattleya’s. This includes Masdevalias and other Pleurothaliidinae.

**PAPHIOPEDILUMS** – Species and hybrids. Includes Phragmipediums.

**BOTANICALS** – All species not included in other classes.

**MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS** – Hybrids not included in any other group.

**ONCIDIUMS** – Species and hybrids. Includes also the intra and inter-generic.

**DENDROBIUMS** – Species and hybrids

**NOVICE GROWERS** – for exhibitors of less than 2 years in SEPOS

Participation in the Novice Class will be **LIMITED TO 2 YEARS** and will be **VOLUNTARY**. Enter plants on the Novice Table and when you have accumulated 30 points, you will receive an award at the end of that judging year. Winners of the 30 points must move to the regular classes the following September.

**SARCANTHIAE** – Species and hybrids

Includes Phalaenopsis and Vanda species and intra and inter-generic hybrids i.e., Aeranthes, Renanthera, Ascocentrum, Rhynchostylis, Phalaenopsis, Vandas and hybrids of any of these. African species and miscellaneous species go to Botanical. African hybrids go to Miscellaneous Hybrids.

**CATTLEYA ALLIANCE** – Species and hybrids

**CYMBIDIUMS** – Species and hybrids