

SHOW AND TELL

The NMOG Board of Directors welcomes the growing number of plants that our members are presenting for the Show and Tell portion of our monthly meeting. A review of past guidelines and recommendations from you, our members, has prompted us to make some revisions in the format of this popular part of our meetings.

Guidelines

1. The exhibitor must have owned the plant for six months or long enough for it to have bloomed in the exhibitors growing conditions. (Otherwise, plants should be placed in the non-competitive division)
2. Exhibitor may show the plant only once in a blooming cycle.
3. In the interest of time, Exhibitors are limited to **three plants entered** per meeting. Exhibitors are limited to two minutes of presentation TOTAL.
4. It is requested that the Exhibitor present educational information about the plant.

When you talk about your plants, talk about why this orchid is unique, and keep the information relevant to what others in the club may be interested in. Did you have a special trick to bloom it? Did you water it in an unusual way? Did it bloom out of season? Does it have a funny name? Members are less interested in details of things such as how many leaves it has grown or how many buds it has lost etc. We are more interested in general culture notes, interesting tips, or perhaps an unusual and interesting fact about the plant.

Please complete a show and tell form for each plant. This will be helpful to the voting members and the photographer. Exhibitors with winning plants are encouraged to have the plant photographed for the newsletter. The number of plants in each category to be voted on will be predicated by the number of plants entered and will be determined by the President. The number (vote for) will be posted on the category designation placard. Plants receiving the most number of votes will be awarded first place, second most, second place and third most, third place. For voting purposes, plants will be labeled in a number series. 300- Advanced, 200- Intermediate, 100- Novice.

Definitions of Classifications: Non-Competitive: Newly acquired plants or unique in some way. NOT included in Show and Tell voting. Novice: New to show and tell or new to orchid growing. Intermediate: Growing orchids for a few years or previously successful showing as a Novice. Advanced: Seasoned grower with several years growing experience or previously successful showing as an Intermediate grower. Category of entry is determined solely by the exhibitor, based on the ability of the grower. You may have plants in both non-competitive and one judged category. Once you have advanced into a upper category, you may not revert to beginner categories.