

## Beginner's Easy Guide to Showing Plants

- 1) Go get a favorite plant from your yard, window, greenhouse, office etc.
- 2) Inspect the plant and clean it up as necessary
  - remove dead parts, bugs and cobwebs
  - clean plant with water, Windex, vinegar (don't clean plants with powdery coating)
  - clean the pot or repot, finishing with fresh top dressing
  - identify and mark plant so you can identify it later (hide a tag below soil level)
- 3) Get out the show guide and find your plant's class
- 4) Make out an entry tag
  - use correct name ... including spelling
  - mark the show class
  - don't forget your name too.
  - if not sure of any of these, ask for help at setup
- 5) Bring plant and tag to show on Friday
- 6) Enjoy your plant - now looking better than ever
- 7) Repeat as necessary

### **Additional Hints**

Make a list of your show plants so you can check that you have them all when it's time to leave

Bring cleaning stuff, extra topping, etc. to show setup. Something always gets overlooked, or dropped!

Don't take anything too seriously. We're here to share our hobby with others as well as do a bit of bragging.

Spend equal parts of time listening and observing so you can be better prepared for the next show.