

## Getting Plants Ready for the Show

1. Start early to stake

Stem Wire 20, 18 and 16 gauge work the best or green wood plant stakes 12" up to 24"

- a. Hobby/craft stores
  - b. Amazon.com
2. Wire cutters
  3. Cotton swabs
  4. Alcohol, sprayer and bottle
  5. Baby wipes or a mixture of milk and mayonnaise
  6. Last minute take off any bad leaves or leaf parts with scissors
    - a. Use scissors cleaned between each plant with a solution of TSP or flaming
  7. Attempt to find the parents or the name of the cross
    - a. Orchidroots (bluenanta.com) for parents of the named plant
    - b. International Orchid Registry of the RHS, parents or new name  
(<http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidregister.asp>)
    - c. OrchidWiz purchased program \$295 License for 2 computers
    - d. Awards Plus (AOS program) \$58.50 License for 2 computers
  8. Masking tape to put your name and plant name on the pot if you are giving to another exhibit
  9. You are responsible to register your own plant if donating for another exhibit.
  10. Other considerations
    - a. Make sure there are no insects (scale and mealy bugs etc.)
    - b. For your exhibit
      - i. Card table
      - ii. Covering for table
      - iii. Straight pins, regular (to close the back drapes ) heavier boutonniere pins
      - iv. Extension cords, Power strip
      - v. Spot light
      - vi. Pot covering, black fabric, moss