



Smithsonian Associates

Growing Show Orchids

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SUPPLY LIST

1. **Heavy wood or metal stakes** – You will need to carefully stake any bud spike for the car ride.
2. **Butterfly clips** – While butterfly clips are not allowed in orchids shows, they are great for temporarily clipping stakes to the bud spikes for transport to the orchid show.
3. **Cotton or pillow stuffing** – Blooms can be damaged or bruised during transport if they bump into each other or into plant stems or leaves. Carefully place cotton or pillow stuffing around the blooms to protect them.
4. **Sturdy box or container** – Place your orchid pots in a sturdy box or container. Space them far enough apart that they do not touch each other.
5. **Newspaper** – Crumple up newspaper and stuff around the pots to keep them from moving or tipping over during transport.
6. **Large garbage bag** – If you live in a colder climate, set your box of orchids into a large garbage bag, and carefully pull the bag up and around the orchids, closing the top. Place this in a pre-warmed car in the back seat. If possible, pull the seat belt around the box so it cannot slide off the seat.
7. **Orchid show kit:**
 - a. Bottle of clean water
 - b. Soft cloth
 - c. Q-tips
 - d. Scissors
 - e. Garden shears
 - f. Green twine
 - g. Green wire stakes
 - h. Pen
 - i. Sharpie
 - j. Any show paperwork

Note: Any participant wanting printed class notes from the power point presentation should email me one week prior to this class at basorchidcare@gmail.com

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