

Orchid names...con't from pg. 1

Many other species and hybrid names describe the orchid by color, for example:

Red = *coccinea, sanguinea, rubrum, cardinalis, cinnabarina*, Red Wing, Cardinal's Coat

Pink = *rosea, carnea*, Pink Doll, Rosy Dawn

Yellow = *flava, aureum, aureoflavus, luteola, ochracea, xanthina*, Yellow Buttons, Flight of Gold

White = *nivea, alba, albescens, candida, virginalis, glauca*, Winter Wonderland, Wedding Bells

Purple = *violacea, purpurata, amethystina, atropurpurea, lilacina*, Lavender Beauty, Violetta

Orange = *aurantiaca*, Trick or Treat, Orange Blossom

Blue = *coerulea, cyanea*, Blue Hawaii, Blue Boy

Latin words in orchid names may indicate the orchid's size, form, growth habit or some other characteristic:

Large = *gigantea, ampliata, grande, macro, magnus, major, maximus*

Small = *minima, minuta, parvum*

Tall = *alta, exaltata*

Short = *breve*

Beautiful = *bella, amabilis, callista, gloriosa, pulchrum*

Fragrant = *aromatica, odorata, psycodes*

Drooping = *cernua, dependens, nutans, pendula*

Upright = *erectus, stricta*

Creeping = *repens, serpens*

Hairy = *ciliaris, hirsutissimum*

Show dates:

February 18 and 19

Missouri Orchid Society Show and Sale; Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis, MO ; Saturday, Noon - 5 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

March 25 and 26, 2006

Greater Omaha Orchid Society Show and Sale; Omaha Marriott Hotel 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE

Fringed = *fimbriata*

Spotted = *guttata, maculata*

Leafy = *foliosa*

Broad-leaved = *latifolia* (*lati* = broad; *folia* = leaf)

Slender-leaved = *tenuifolia*

Tongue-shaped = *lingulata*

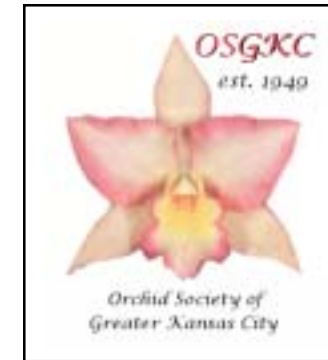
Many orchid names commemorate a person. For orchid species, the specific epithet is a latinized form of the person's name, for example: *Phragmipedium besseae*, named for Elizabeth Besse, who discovered it; *Brassia allenii*, named for its discoverer, Paul Allen; *Vanda sanderiana*, named in honor of H. F. C. Sander, the founder of the orchid importing firm of Sanders in England. When a man-made hybrid is named in honor of a person, the person's name is used as the grex epithet and is not latinized: *Phalaenopsis* William Jefferson Clinton. If the person is deceased, the word "memoria" may be included in the name: *Phragmipedium* Mem. Dick Clemens.

To be continued.

Bergman...con't from pg. 1

Orchid Digest and *AOS Orchids*. He currently leads the OSGKC Beginners Group, which meets at 1 p.m. prior to the monthly regular meeting.

In 1989 Fred and his wife, Pat, were designated OSGKC Honored Lifetime Members for their contributions to the Society. [Thanks to Joyce Moulis for the biographical information.]



OSGKC News

ORCHID SOCIETY OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

www.osgkc.org

February 2006

A Look Forward: OSGKC February 12th Program

At the February regular meeting, OSGKC member, Fred Bergman, will talk about "Potting Systems."

In an April 14, 2005, article, *The Kansas City Star* featured Fred's 56-year orchid hobby, which began when he was a chemistry student at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Fred has three greenhouses, where he raises and propagates orchids. He has registered about 250 phalaenopsis and cattleya hybrids.



Besides being an hobbyist, Fred is also interested in the scientific study of orchids. He has spent his decades-long "addiction" as a teacher and mentor to other orchid lovers.

Fred joined OSGKC in 1952, has served on numerous committees, led focus groups, presented programs about orchid culture, flasking/seed sowing, fertilizers and chemicals. He has written articles for

con't pg. 4

WHAT'S IN AN ORCHID NAME?

Part I

by Beth Martin

New orchid growers are often surprised to find that it's not enough to just learn how to grow orchids; they also must learn another language, botanical Latin. Although we use English common names for most flowers, shrubs, vines and trees, orchidists refer to their plants by their formal names. By knowing a few basic naming rules, and some Latin words, orchidists can communicate clearly with others and also gain valuable information about their plants.

A quick look at the label in an orchid pot will inform the reader whether the plant is a species or a hybrid. Orchid species, types of orchids that are found in the wild, have a two-part latinized name consisting of the genus name followed by the species name, formally called the specific epithet. The genus name always begins with a capital letter, while the specific epithet is never capitalized. Names of hybrids, man-made orchids that do not exist in the wild, include a genus name followed by a hybrid name, formally called the grex epithet. Unlike specific epithets, the grex epithet is not latinized and significant words are capitalized.

The specific epithet can indicate a species' country or place of origin; *Sedirea japonica* and *Calanthe mexicana* are orchid species from Japan and Mexico.

Inside...

Officers Reports: pg. 2

Announcements: pg. 3

Special Feature: Member Profile pg. 3

Orchid Resources: pg. 3

OSGKC Committee Leaders: pg. 4

OSGKC Sponsors pg. 4

Royal Barber, long-time member of OSGKC, died on January 12. His funeral, on the 15th, was attended by many members of the society, as well as a standing-room-only gathering of family and friends in Platte City, Missouri. He was buried in Riverside, Colorado.

Mardi Gras, Anyone?

Mardi Gras" is OSGKC's exhibit theme for the Missouri Orchid Society Show in St. Louis, February 17-19. We need beads, masks, and other Mardi Gras souvenirs for the exhibit. We also need blooming orchids and foliage plants for the display. If you have plants (3 maximum) or souvenirs, please contact Beth Martin (913-248-8669, bethdoug@kc.rr.com).

OSGKC's Monthly Meeting:

Roeland Park Community Center
4850 Rosewood
Roeland Park, KS

Beginners' Group: 1:00 p.m.
Regular Program: 2:00 p.m.

OSGKC Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs



Program
Membership
Budget
Hospitality
Newsletter
Website
Show & Exhibits
Judging
Publicity
Mid-Am Rep
Yearbook
Beginners' Grp
Library
Raffle
AOS Rep
Conservation
Mentor Program
Auctions

Chair

Mark Prout
John Mallery
Cindy Hobbs
Mike Wheeler
Jami Parkison
John Mallery
Beth Martin

Jason Ward
Vivian Walters
Lance Jessee
Fred Bergman
Rosemarie Hedrick
Tony King
David Sosland
Larry Kipp
Frank Serra
Monica McNamara

Vice

Monica McNamara
Jason Ward

Debbie Sawyer

David Sosland & others
Amy Ward

Ron Daly

Doug Martin

For Sale...

Devin Marks is selling some lighting and growing equipment. He has four combination metal halide and high-pressure sodium with timers in the ballast; a 1000 watt HPS; and a CO2 generator. Contact Marks at dmarks11@yahoo.com.

Support OSGKC Sponsors:

Bergman Orchid Farm
Bird's Botanicals
Orchids by ViCli
Oak Hill Gardens
r.f. Orchids
Windy Hill Gardens
Whippoorwill Orchids

Letter from OSGKC President:

Dan Schlozman

Let me begin by expressing my profound sorrow over the loss of Royal Barber. As you know, Royal was our monthly meeting judge for the last several years. He was a great grower and a great person. Clearly, he will be missed.

On a less somber note, let me reassure you that the society is off to a great start. We had an executive committee meeting on January 23rd and discussed many subjects, most of which will be mentioned throughout the agenda for the next meeting.

At this time, two subjects seem worthy of discussion. The first is beginners' participation in the entry of plants for judging. All beginners are intimidated by this competition; yet many have won awards in the past. To level the playing field, we are resuming a beginners' table. (Beginners are defined as no more than two years experience growing orchids.) SO BRING ON THE PLANTS!

The second topic is the need for general participation. This is a society for everyone and help is really needed in many areas to get it to run properly. We will pass out specific and general sign-up sheets. Please help.

Happy growing

Dan

Raffle: Our thanks to Tony King and Jason Thoren for the plants donated to the raffle.

Hospitality: Mike Wheeler, current committee chairman, is looking for a back-up person to help with refreshment set-up before each meeting.

Conservation: Doug Martin reported for Larry Kipp. OSGKC has pledged a donation to the Colyer Prairie and will send the funds when the Colyer Prairie group indicates they are ready.

Newsletter: Jami Parkison, newsletter Editor, thanked Joyce Moulis for all her help transitioning the editorship. Anyone who did not receive the January newsletter should contact Jami.

Point and Comment: Dan Schlozman announced that we would have a five-minute educational program at end of each business meeting. He volunteered to go first, and spoke about the need to maintain the same position of an orchid in spike to avoid a twisted inflorescence.

Miscellaneous: Vivien Walters announced that Royal Barber, long-time member of the society, is back in the hospital for further cancer treatment. She passed a card around to sign and send to him.

Ron Daly announced that he is selling much of his collection. All plants are \$7 each. A listing will be posted on the society's web site, or you may contact Ron.

Tony King brought in a list of used orchid books for the society to consider buying for the library. Members were asked to review the list and select books for purchase.

Plant of the Month: Masdevallia tonduzii, shown by Monica McNamara. Congratulations.

A Look Behind ~ OSGKC Meeting ~ January Minutes

Dan Schlozman, President, called the meeting to order. In appreciation of the contributions to OSGKC, Doug Martin, immediate past President, was presented with a glass sculpture of Paph armeniacum. The December 2005 minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. Paul Kreutzer, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$14,265.32, not including show funds, and said the society had a break-even year for 2005. The treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Beginners' Program: Fred Bergman assumed full responsibility of the Beginners' Program. Participants shared their growing methods and interests. Fred spoke about sources of educational information.

Program: This month's program was a discussion and Q & A session on plant problems and diseases led by Mark Prout and Doug Martin.

February's program will be "Potting Systems" by Fred Bergman.

Membership: John Mallery is unable to devote full time to Membership. If you are interested in helping, please contact him or his back-up person, Jason Ward.

Mentor Program: Focus groups aren't meeting now, but will resume if there's interest. If you are interested in mentoring, please contact Frank Serra.

Mid-America: Vivien Walters urged members to attend the Mid-America show March 25 and 26 in Omaha. Four orchid-growing audio tapes are available for \$10 each. A motion was made and passed to purchase a set of the tapes for the society library.

Shows: Beth Martin reported that the society's next exhibit will be in St. Louis February 18 and 19. Props for a Mardi-Gras theme of the booth are needed, as well as plants. The Springfield, MO show has been cancelled. OSGKC will exhibit at the Mid-America show in Omaha.

Publicity: Doug Martin reported in Jason Ward's absence. Jason is working on tax-exempt forms for the society. Jason would like to have a volunteer to work with him on publicity, and to eventually take over the publicity committee chair.

Mini-Auction: The Executive Committee will be discussing how many auctions to hold in 2006. In 2005, OSGKC sponsored three auctions in 2005.

Member Profile: Joyce Moulis -- Q and A

Q. Give basic background about your orchid collection:

A. Tom and I share "orchid obsession" as an extension of our interest in tropical plants and gardening. We each have different favorites in the garden and greenhouse, so our collection contains a wide variety of predominantly warm growing orchids.

lower as "favorites" reach mature/specimen size. It's been our experience that over-crowding results in culture problems.

Q. What is the predominant type(s) of orchid you raise?:

A. Our mixed collection consists of warm growing Phals., Paphs., Phrags., Vandas, Dendrobiums, Cattleyas, and a few Oncidiums.

Q. Give a brief description of their growing environment:

A. For the past 15 years our orchids have been grown in a 9 x 18 curved eve, lean-to greenhouse with twin-wall lexan roof and sliding glass sidewalls. It is heated with a

direct-vent gas furnace and cooled with evaporative cooler and/or fans. We sacrificed some growing space to have a utility tub and hot and cold water (in our opinion a must!) Before the greenhouse, we grew at windows and under lights.

Q. How many years have you been raising orchids?:

A. We have been growing orchids since 1972. Our first two Phal. species came from Hausermann's at the suggestion of Tom's co-worker who knew we enjoyed plants, was making the trip to Chicago, and thought we might like to try an "orchid or two." After that, we were hooked!

Q. How many orchids are in your collection?:

A. Currently we have about 150 and believe the number should be



7. Name one to three in your collection which are particular favorites and why:

A. This is a very hard question to answer, but I think generally, we both like species and fragrant orchids. In particular we are fond of Phalaenopsis and Brassavola species: P. leudemanniana P.

aphrodite, and B. nodosa. Perhaps because they were our "first" orchids and ones that remain in our collection! We also like primary hybrid Phalaenopsis — P. Sweet Beauty and P. Orchid World. We like the challenge of species and orchids with fragrance!

Q. Share with readers your best orchid culture tip(s):

A. It's hard to name just one. During these many years, OSGKC members have passed along so much good information. Society members and commercial growers are valuable sources of orchid information! A few tips that have become thoughts to grow orchids by are: "Observe your orchids every day!;" "When you water orchids, water thoroughly!;" and "Orchids are for fun!" I think it is very important to learn all you can about the native habitat of the orchids you grow so you can try to emulate those conditions in your growing area.

Q. What do you do in life to support your orchid addiction?:

A. Last year I completed 10 years at Baker University's graduate school in Overland Park as Executive Assistant to the Dean. Prior to that I served in a similar capacity with the Bunge Corporation and Unity School.

Tony King and Jo Anne New will provide refreshments for February's meeting



Looking for information about orchids?

Deb Pate shares her favorite orchid resources:

Websites: (1) www.firstrays.com/ — This is oriented toward less-is-more for plant treatments and toxicity issues. (2) www.slipperorchids.com — This is a great site for paph-lovers, according to Susie Hanna.

Books: *Understanding Orchids* by William Cullina. It has common-sensical information, with a wonderful, conversational tone, good growing mediums and problems sections. Cullina has collected in South American and at one time had 1,000 miniatures. [Deb loves this book.] After a suggestion by Tony King and Jason Thoren, Deb discovered *Botanica's Orchids*, a good species resource. Deb also recommends Ortho's *All About Orchids*, and Rebecca Tyson Northen's *Orchids As House Plants* as good, basic resources.