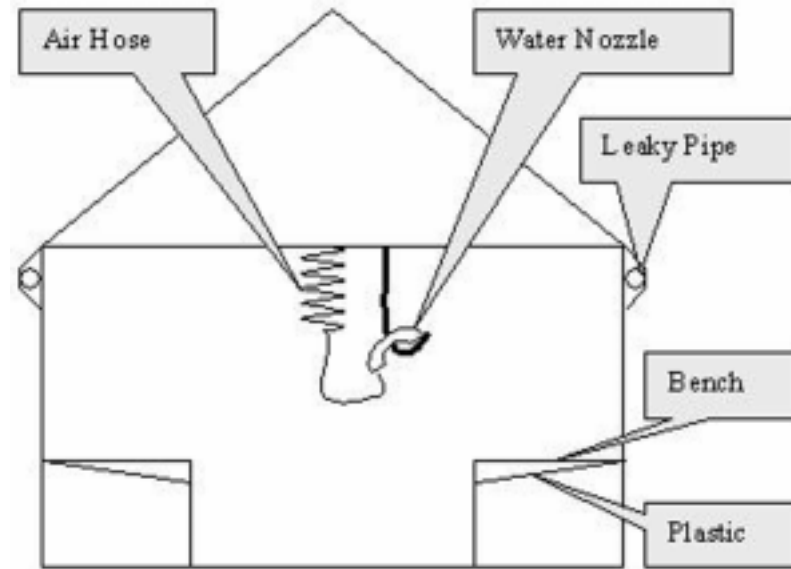


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has also sewn into the shadecloth walls at the top, a leaky pipe (usually installed underground as a watering system) which, when turned on, dribbles water onto the shade cloth walls. This water both increased humidity in the shade house and also cools the shade house as with the old cloth walled meat safes.

Another simple idea was Barry use of a coiled (like a spring) air hose for his watering hose. The water inlet was in the centre of the roof and Barry just pulled the hose wherever he required it in the shadehouse. As he pulled, the hose uncoiled but it remained high in the air, thus not knocking over pots or doing any other damage. When no longer needed, the hose is merely hung from a hook on the roof, easy to get to, but out of the way.

Another idea Barry used was to put solarweave plastic under the benches where he grew Paphs. The plastic still allowed light to the Paphs, but kept water dripping from



the plants on the benches onto the Paphs. This allowed Barry to control the water to the Paphs plus prevented any fungal or disease problems being caused by water dripping from the plants above onto the Paphs below.

Lastly, Barry used a spring system to control the flower spikes on his Cymbidiums. Barry has purchased a number of small spring loaded winders with a hook on each end. This winder is hung from the roof by one hook and the other hook is connected to a flower at the end of the flower spike. The spring tension keeps the flower

spike straight and vertical. As the spike grows, the spring keeps the tension continuous thus producing

a nice straight spike without continuously adjusting stakes. For pendulous spikes, the hook is placed towards the lower end of the spike to keep the spike positioned for a nice display but still allow the spike to arch over into the perfect pendulous shape. This looks like a great idea for Cymbidium growers.

Next, Barry showed us his other love, his Bromeliaeds. Barry has a large collection that he grows on the floor buried in the gravel. Barry digs a hole in the gravel and buries the pot in the gravel. This keeps the pot cool, moist and most importantly stops the top heavy pots falling over. Barry is currently experimenting with growing his Broms directly in the gravel with no pot or mix. This seems to be giving excellent growth so looks promising, although, I don't know how he will go showing his Broms at the Brom society...



Shadehouse at the Parkison's House



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A Look Forward:

OSGKC August 13th Program: Lucinda Winn of J & L Orchids

Lucinda Winn grew up in Missouri, and received both her BS and MS degrees from the University of Missouri. Her love affair with orchids began when she saw her first mounted orchid plant in the mid 70's.

Lucinda's first job in orchids was at Zuma Canyon Orchids in Malibu, California.



© J & L Orchids

In 1979 J&L Orchids went up for sale, and Lucinda bought it along with her two partners, Marguerite Webb and Cordelia Head. Over the years, J&L has carved out a reputation for growing fine miniature orchids, as well as many interesting and rare genera, especially among the Pleurothallidinae. J&L has won many awards for their exhibits world wide.

Lucinda has spoken at two World Orchid Conferences, European Orchid Congresses, British Orchid Congresses, as well as throughout the United

States and Canada. Her topic will be Miniature Orchids. [Biography provided by J & L Orchids. An email was sent to all members on July 22 with a list of plants for sale through the company.]

OSGKC's Monthly Meeting: August 13, 2006

Roeland Park Community Center
4850 Rosewood
Roeland Park, KS

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

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Taking Care of the 'Chids

from Norman Fang
of Norman's Orchids

Use Yellow Cups to Catch Insects...

Smear a plastic yellow cup with regular Vaseline and place it in your greenhouse. The yellow color will attract all kinds of insects which will be caught in the Vaseline. This works great for aphids and mites.

Some Tips On Getting the Most Out of Your Summer Shadehouse

The following article is from the "Brisbane Orchid Society, proudly Australian"

On a recent society shadehouse visit, we visited the home of Barry and Ann Kable of Peters Glen Shadehouses. Barry proudly showed us around his orchid collection where he grows his two loves, orchids and Bromeliaeds. It was great to see Barry's orchids all spaced the correct foot apart and beautifully arranged evenly in straight rows. Barry also showed us a few of his ideas to help grow orchids.

Installed under all the benches was an irrigation system to spray the gravel floors to increase humidity in Summer. Continuing this theme, Barry

**Letter from OSGKC President:
Dan Schlozman**

Well, summer is in full swing and our first 100 degree days are upon us. Remember to keep those plants well fertilized and watered with frequent misting.

I regret not being able to come to last month's meeting, but understand it was a great success. Am looking forward to our next meeting.

Meanwhile, the board is continuing to study issues important to the society. Most importantly, we need an alternative to the present meeting site. If you have any thoughts on this, please email me or one of the board members.

Happy growing

Dan

Holly Hall and JoAnne New
will provide refreshments for
August's meeting

A Look Behind: OSGKC Meeting - July 9th, 2006, Minutes

The July meeting featured an indoor "picnic." In the absence of Dan Schlozman, President, Monica McNamara chaired an informal business meeting. Monica reported that the June auction grossed \$2,032. She also announced a tentative date for the Fall auction of Saturday September 16.

Mark Prout said that the next month's meeting will feature Lucinda Winn of J & L Orchids. Members may pre-order plants from J & L's website at 15% off, plus no shipping, and Lucinda will deliver the plants to the meeting.

Paul Kreutzer, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$13,513, not including show funds.

The monthly program was Mark Prout demonstrating how to repot Cattleyas. Seedlings were donated by Whipoorwill Orchids.

Vivien Walters announced that now is the time to register for the Mid-America Orchid Congress meeting and show scheduled for August 25-27 in Lexington, KY. Registration costs will go up after August 1.

**Report from Auction Chair: Monica McNamara
June Orchid Auction Results**

Commercial orchid vendors continue to support generously OSGKC by exchanging orchid plants and supplies for advertisements on our website and in our annual yearbook. (Please remember them for your future purchases!)

Sponsors that sent plants for the June auction:

Bergman's Orchids
Bird's Botanicals
Oak Hill Gardens
r.f. Orchids

Many of our members also made generous donations of nice plants, supplies and orchid-related items to support our Society. Resounding thanks to the volunteers who planned, organized and executed this special event. The summer auction is OSGKC's primary annual fundraising event that supports our programs, features and activities.

Special thanks to those attending and participating in the auction which raised \$2032.00.

Mark your calendars for the fall auction, scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, September 16. Please contact Monica McNamara at mmorchids@everestkc.net to help with this event.



**Report from Program Chair:
Mark Prout**

The OSGKC extends a note of appreciation to Tom Larkin for providing the seedlings for the last meeting. If anyone didn't get the plant they wanted, Tom has more. <http://www.wiplark.com/cattleya.htm>

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Windy Hill Gardens
Whippoorwill Orchids

Member Profile: Paul Kreutzer -- Q and A

Q. Your name and...

A. Paul Kreutzer
Wife: Pam
Children: Justin (20), Mary (18), Thomas (16)
Extras: Two pomeranians, one 75-gallon reef tank, and one 29-gallon freshwater tank

**Q. How many years have you
been growing orchids?:**

A. I have raised orchids since the late 1980's.

**Q. How many orchids are in
your collection?:**

A. I have approximately 150 plants in my collection.

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

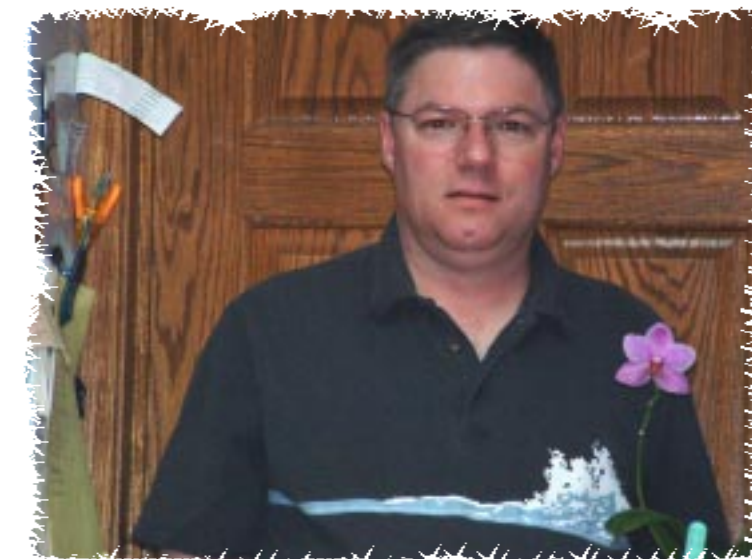
A. I have mainly phalaenopsis and cattleya.

**Q. Give a brief description of
their growing environment:**

A. I have a home-built 12 foot by 16 foot greenhouse attached to my house.

**Q. Name one to three in your
collection which is a/are particu-
lar favorite(s) and why:**

A. I bought Phalaenopsis Katie's Kiss as a seedling at the MAOC [Mid America Orchid Congress] that was held here in 1994 and at least once I have won Plant-of-the-Month with it.



**Q. Name one to three in your
collection that, despite your best
efforts, has/have proven particu-
larly difficult to grow:**

A. Vanda/Ascocenda. I really like the flowers but have had no success in growing them myself.

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

A. Be careful of what companion plants that you grow with your

orchids. Some are major attractors of pests that cause nothing but grief.

**Q. What do/did (if retired) you do
in life to support your orchid
addiction?:**

A. I have worked at Honeywell FM&T (the old Bendix plant) for 25 years as a quality engineer.

Looking for information about orchids?

Here is a resource for people interested in getting involved in worldwide conservation efforts which focus on orchids and orchid habitats:
<http://orchidconservationallinace.org/>