



*Life Style of a Winner:
Culture Tips for the Plant of the Month*

by Frank Serra

Orchid's full name: Den. Cashen's Black Hole.

Watering: Grow dry side during winter; water heavily during summer.

Temperature: Shadehouse during summer; 70 degrees, greenhouse in winter

Light: Full in winter greenhouse; 55% shade summer.

Fertilizer: Same as Catts.

Atmosphere: Fans moving air 24 hours a day.

Special features: Flower is large and intense, deep red.

Where can this orchid be purchased?: It was bought from Cater & Holmes in 1997 in a 2 1/2 inch pot.

*St. Louis Show --
Great Showing from OSGKC*

by Beth Martin

OSGKC entered a blue ribbon exhibit in the Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis' fall show. Thirty-one of the forty plants in the exhibit also won ribbons. David Bird's plants brought home two Best of Class trophies, one for *Grammatophyllum scriptum* v. *citrinum* 'Hihimanu' AM/AOS and the other for *Lycaste macrophylla*. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Special thanks to the OSGKC members who provided plants for the exhibit: Fred Bergman, David Bird, Tony King and Jason Thoren, Beth and Doug Martin, Monica McNamara, Joy and Mark Prout, Dan Schlozman, David Sosland, Terrence Thompson and Vivian Walters. We also appreciate the members who set up and took down the exhibit: Cindy Hobbs, Mark Prout, and Beth and Doug Martin. Thanks for your hard work! Ribbon winners in the OSGKC exhibit are listed on the right.

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Owner	Class	Plant	Award
OSGKC	6	Exhibit	1
Bergman, Fred	21	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 3	
Bird, David	48	Angraecum eburneum	2
	96	Den. crepidiferum	2
	106	Lyc. macrophylla	1 + Trophy
	93	Grammatophyllum scriptum v. citrinum 'Hihimanu' AM/AOS	1 + Trophy
	108	Zga. Oz x Dynamite	1
King, Tony	13	Procydia Green Hornet	3
Thoren, Jason	27	Leptotes Menina	3
	112	Microsaccus griffithii	2
	60	Doritis pulcherrima	2
McNamara, Monica	89	Psychopsis Mariposa	1
	39	Paph. Mod Maude	1
	23	Lc. Gold Rush	1
	26	Pot. Egyptian Queen	3
		'Inner Fire' AM/AOS	
Prout, Mark and Joy	20	Bc. Hippodamia	3
		'Kelvin Lucky' AM/AOS	
	96	Den. bracteosum	1
	21	Lc. Cariat's Mini-Quinee	1
	13	Bepi. Sarah Jean Hill	2
	33	Paph. Honey	2
		Paph. Michael Koopowitz	1
Schlozman, Dan	108	Blptm. Midnight Blue	2
	43	Phrag. Saint's Apprentice	2
Sosland, David	15	Ctna. Why Not	2
	28	Slc. Precious Jewel 'Gold Country'	2
	108	Cnth. Amazing	3
Thompson, Terrence	34	Paph. Transvaal	2
	35	Paph. Vietnam Wings	2
	25	Hawkinsara Keepsake	3
		'Denver Gold' AM/AOS	
Walters, Vivian	63	Dtps. I-Hsin Black Jack	2
		x Phal. Yukimai	
ViCli Orchids	68	Dtps. Dyah Redita	2
	82	Onc. Twinkle	3



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A Look Forward:

OSGKC October Meeting: "Orchid Conservation at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo" by Margaret From

Marge From heads the laboratory for rare and endangered plants at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo. With four undergraduate degrees from the University of Nebraska-Omaha, a

tional Union for the Conservation of Nature.

"I am an all-around plant nerd," says From. "I have never met an orchid I don't like. One of my favorite places to work is out in the Sand Hills of Nebraska, where the sky goes on forever, and the sweet smell of the prairie grasses is wonderful. (The temperature is also usually about 110, and the wind velocity about the same, but nothing is perfect!) My personal belief is that we must take drastic actions to stave off what is virtually a mass extinction of plant species, including orchids, such as the world has not seen before." She is married and the mother of two young adult children.



Marge From at work

graduate degree from Nebraska University-Lincoln, and a specialty in Plant Tissue Culture, From has conducted field biology work in North America, Costa Rica and Madagascar, mainly on orchids.

She is a member of the Greater Omaha Orchid Society, the Reintroduction Specialist Group for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and the Orchid Specialist Group for the North American division of the Interna-

**OSGKC's Monthly Meeting:
November 12, 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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Book Review: Orchids
by Susie Hanna

Book: *Orchids*. Written by Greg Allikas and Ned Nash. Thunder Bay Press, 2000.

This is one of the few "coffee table" style books on orchids that I've read that actually has practical growing information. And it truly is a first-rate, large format showpiece of a book, with photographs by Greg Allikas, who is well-known for his gorgeous and detailed photos of orchids. He's been growing orchids and taking professional photos of them for more than 30 years. The author of the text, Ned Nash, is also an experienced grower and has a degree in botany. Like many other orchid books, Mr. Nash begins with an essay on the history and biology of orchids, and the business and economics of the orchid industry. The introduction concludes with some interesting thoughts about what sort of person is attracted to orchid growing as a hobby: lovers of beauty, gardeners who want a challenge, and collectors who enjoy something that no one else has, or that has taken some sacrifice to obtain.

The book then covers the main orchid groups predominantly in cultivation today in eight separate

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Madagascar Orchid Project: Initially this project consisted of collaboration with a Malagasy graduate student in seed micropropagation techniques and cloning techniques, which can be applied to conservation of the orchid species of Madagascar. Part of the training is investigation of techniques most useful in Madagascar species. (M. From, T. Gouveia, E. Louis)

*Letter from OSGKC President:
Dan Schlozman*

I regret missing the last meeting; however, from the appearance of the minutes, I see that we had a number of lively discussions which will lead to an even livelier executive committee meeting. I hope to report on a number of subjects at our next meeting, which, incidentally, will be our last at Roeland Park Community Center. (I wonder how many remember our spring meeting in the boiler room. I hope our new quarters has better emergency spaces, although it was quite cozy down there.)

I can't speak for the rest of you, but as for me, I am closing up my greenhouse and moving to a more pleasant climate in which to work. Hopefully, I've chilled the plants long enough.

Happy growing.



Dan

Ron said he's also been researching donations that our club has been making to other organizations. He doesn't feel it's the role of OSGKC to donate money to other causes or groups. This should be an individual decision. He said he felt that members of the club don't feel comfortable publicly voting against donations because it would look bad to say no to a children's fund, or other needy organizations. He made a motion that approval of any donations of society funds to any organization, an individual, or a cause, be voted on by secret ballot. A second motion was passed to table this motion for further discussion at the Executive Committee.

Jami Parkison suggested the club invest in a sign for our new meeting location that could be placed along Wornall Road a few days before each meeting. The sign could also promote the auctions the club has. More research is needed into how it would be made and the cost.

Committee Reports:

Program: This month's program was a look at the criteria for judging orchids conducted by Mark Prout.

Nominating: Doug Martin thanked the members of the committee, Michael Wheeler and Jason Ward for their assistance. Candidates for officers selected by the committee are: Dan Schlozman, President; John Mallery, Vice President, Paul Kreutzer, Treasurer, and Susie Hanna, Secretary.

Shows and Exhibits: Beth Martin said the club's exhibit placed first in its class, and second overall at the St. Louis Show, in September. We will have an exhibit at the Kansas Orchid Society show in Wichita November 4-5. Set up is Friday, November 3. Volunteers are needed to help with the exhibit and to provide plants.

Raffle: This month's raffle plants were provided by Tom Larkin, Whippoorwill Orchids.

Hospitality: Phil and Mary Lou Dupes and Geraldine Dusselier provided refreshments.

Plant of the Month: Plant of the Month was Dendrobium Cashen's Black Hole, grown by Frank Serra.

Other Announcements: Doug Martin announced that CDs are still available for \$10 on pronouncing orchid names. Also Doug is now taking orders for *Wild Orchids of the Prairies*, a book by Paul Martin Brown.

Submitted by Susie Hanna, Secretary

Budget

The current 2006 budget is being analyzed to use as the basis for a new 2007 budget proposal, which will be presented at the November meeting. Suggestions and comments are welcome and can be sent to the budget committee members: Cindy Hobbs, Doug Martin or Paul Kreutzer.

*A Look Behind: OSGKC Meeting -
October 15th, 2006, Minutes*

In the absence of Dan Schlozman, President, Doug Martin called the meeting to order.

New Business

The September 2006 minutes were approved.

Ron Daly spoke about his concern that our membership is dwindling, down from 74 members at the end of his term as President in 2001 to a current count of 63. He said he thinks the reason some of the membership drop is because old members are not renewing. He made a motion that all current 2006 members get a free membership for 2007. New members will be charged the stated amount in the club's bi-laws. The motion was seconded, but Doug Martin proposed that the Executive Committee look at the issue, and a motion was made and passed to table the discussion. Jami Parkison suggested that Ron be invited to attend the Executive Committee meeting to share his research and thoughts about membership, but Doug said that would be up to the Executive Committee to decide.

Beginners' Group

The October meeting of the beginners group met and discussed growing orchids that require higher levels of light. Each member in attendance received several blooming sized Phal plants to experiment with. The November meeting subject will be, "**How to get your orchids to bloom.**"

Fred Bergman.

Member Profile: Frank Serra -- Q and A

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

A. I have grown orchids since the 1980s.

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

A. Cattleyas and slippers, especially Phrags.

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

A. Phrag Jason Fischer because of its intense red color and size.

Q. Name one to three in your

collection that, despite your best efforts, has/have proven particularly difficult to grow:

A. Disa.

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

A. Don't be afraid to experiment. Some things work and others will fail. What works for one grower



Q. How many orchids are in your collection?:

A. 350+.

Q. Give a brief description of their growing environment:

A. I grew under lights for a number of years, but now I grow in a 16 feet X 22 feet greenhouse that was converted from a pigeon loft.

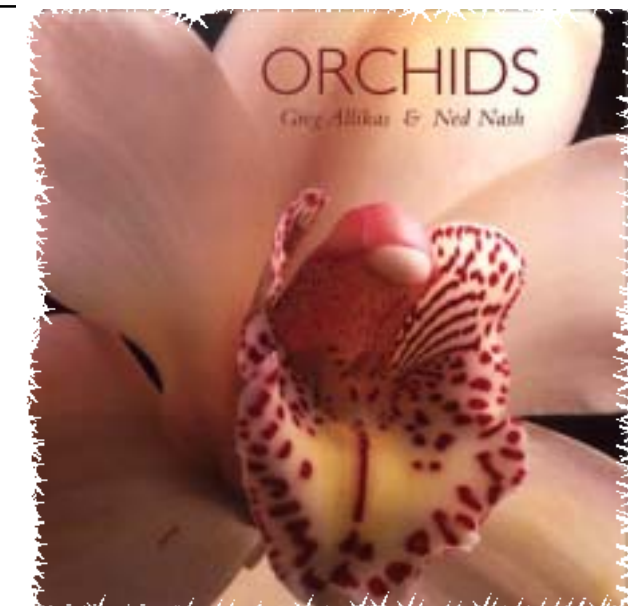
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chapters, and ends with a chapter for growing orchids in the home.

In writing about the cultural requirements of orchid groups, sometimes the subject is just too broad to be practical. But in many cases the author divides the plants into sub-groups according to cultural requirements, which is much more helpful.

Thus the book is a good overview of many well-known orchids and is basic enough for the beginner, especially the chapter on home growing. The advanced grower should glean some new insights, or be stimulated to try a new type of plant. For the specialist, the book will not provide enough detail on individual species.

Still, for any grower, it's a lovely book just to thumb through for the outstanding photography.



Tony King and Holly Hall will provide refreshments for November's meeting.

will not work for you. As time passes, your orchid addiction will soften (possible) through experience, etc. My advice is to have another hobby to help reduce intensity. My second love is bird carving.

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

A. I am a retired veterinarian (small and exotic animals.)

*Orchid Plants Needed for
OSGKC Exhibit in
Wichita*

OSGKC will enter an exhibit in the Kansas Orchid Society show in Wichita, November 4-6, 2006. We need about 45 orchid plants for the exhibit. If you have blooming orchids that we can use, or if you are interested in helping with the exhibit, please contact Beth Martin (913/248-8669) or Joy and Mark Prout (816/478-7087).