

Alan Koch) at about 1/4 tsp/gal. When I run out, I plan to go to the Michigan State formula .



Atmosphere (i.e., breezy or not, etc.): I use a lot of air movement -- cheap hardware store fans.

Special features (i.e., scented, etc.): It's special attraction to me is the long nectar tube on a large flower.

Where can this orchid be purchased?: This one has a Windy Hills tag, but it is all over the internet if you Google the name. This includes e-Bay.

Other helpful and/or interesting information about this orchid: If one is not familiar with the Charles Darwin history relating to sesquipedale, it is worth looking up.

within a few weeks. This disease can and will spread from plant to plant. And in my experience, if left untreated, they will die.

What to do?

First, isolate affected plants. After handling plants, wash your hands. Be sure to use a sterile blade when working with all plants, but especially with those already infected. Remove affected parts of leaves. Throw out plants that have diseased crowns. Sterilize your pots.

I tried a number of treatments. First, cinnamon on the cut edge where you've removed a leaf will retard the spread of the disease, but this isn't a cure. Topical antifungals such as Physan or Consan are ineffective, although perhaps helpful and are good to use to disinfect the trays, benches and areas where the diseased plants were located. I also tried removing the plants from the pots, discarding the media, sterilizing the pots, and spraying down the plants, roots and all with hydrogen peroxide with no results. I also tried a systemic antifungal, Phyton 27, but saw no improvement.

I couldn't understand how my plants developed this problem. I am a home grower. My plants are not in a high-humidity greenhouse. I water carefully to make sure water isn't left on the leaves or crown. All I could think of was the two or three plants I had acquired that didn't look healthy when they arrived. Could it all have started there?

Look for Part II of "Fungal Disease in Phalaenopsis" in the January 2007, OSGKC Newsletter.

Beginners' Group

There will be no beginners meeting in December. The January meeting will discuss growing Cattleyas and telling if a report is valid.

Fred Bergman.

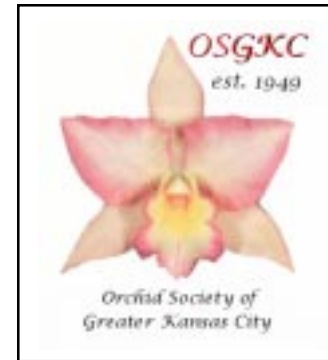
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can spread rather rapidly into the crown. Once established in the crown, the plant will die. The roots may or may not be affected. For most of my plants, they had excellent roots (and in some cases almost no leaves!)

Damaged tissue begins on the top-side of the leaf. The primary clue that your plants are in trouble is that the fungus affects new growth most dramatically. The new leaves will emerge with damaged tissue, or develop the problem

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Tony King & Jason Thoren	Blc. Memoria Terry Stillman x Siam	White
	Golden Destiny	
	Aspasia psittacina	Red
Doug & Beth Martin	Paph. philippinense	Red
	Paph. Honey	Red
	Blc. Cadmium Light 'Green	Blue
	Light' HCC/AOS	
Julie Morrison	Rhyncholaelia glauca	Red
Jami Parkison	Sc. Crystelle Smith	Blue
	Pot. Hoku Gem 'Freckles' HCC/AOS	Red
Mark and Joy Prout	Paph. Bianka	Red
	Paph. gratrixianum	Blue
	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet	White
	Fragrance' AM/AOS	
	Den. bracteosum	Blue
	Phrag. Carol Kanzer	Blue
David Sosland	Den. Liholiho	Blue
Terrence Thompson	Ctna. Morse Code	Blue
	Paph. Gina Short	Blue
Vivian Walters	Blc. Erin Kobayashi 'Lahaina	Red
ViCli Orchids	Phal. heiroglyphica 'ViCli' HCC/AOS	Red

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A Look Forward:

OSGKC Annual Awards Banquet: December 10, 2006

by Mark Prout

OSGKC will gather at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Figlio on the Country Club Plaza, 209 West 46th Terrace, to partake of their sumptuous and diverse brunch. It features many of the usual dishes — omelets, smoked salmon, peel-'n'-eat shrimp, pastries, etc. — as well as some less so, Italian scrambled eggs and spumoni. The cost is, including tax, \$19.29 per person. Bring some extra cash to

cover drinks and gratuities. Send checks to Paul Kreutzer, 609 Rosewood Circle, Raymore, MO 64083-9487. Or pay Paul at the restaurant.

RSVP to Mark Prout, 816-478-7087, or mprout2@comcast.net by noon, Dec. 8.

We will distribute free seedlings from Tom & Barbara Larkin at Whippoorwill Orchids and present the annual grower awards, including Grower of the Year.

Life Style of a Winner:

Culture Tips for the Plant of the Month.

by Dan Scholzman

November 2006 Plant of the Month: Angraecum Longiscott 'Lea' AM/AOS

Watering: The plant is grown on a mount, bare root with no sphagnum. It was mounted by Ron Daly.

I mist the leaves daily and water the roots twice a week, with fertilizer once a week. The plant is grown in a greenhouse. I use R/0 water on this plant, although I suspect this is overkill except for misting, which in my hands with regular water leaves calcium stains.

Temperature (include info on differential temp. needs): 58 to 62-degree nights, maybe a little warmer in the summer. 80 degree days in summer and high 60s to 70s nights.

Light Recommended: Light is Vanda, but I can't get it and use a light more in line with Cattleyas. The plant, however, is facing south and west.

Fertilizing : I've been using AGRO-ALL PURPOSE (recommended by



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Remember OSGKC's new meeting location:

Beginning January 14th, 2007 OSGKC will meet at Broadway United Methodist Church, 74th and Wornall, Kansas City, MO.

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

Taking Care of the 'Chids:

"Fungal Disease in Phalaenopsis" Part I

by Susie Hanna

In the past year, I've had some type of fungal disease spread through my beloved Phalaenopsis collection. I hear from other members that they, too, are having similar problems, so I want to share what I've learned.

First, what to look for....recessed or damaged leaf tissue that spreads toward the crown. The coloration of these areas becomes lighter than the rest of the leaf, and can involve streaking or reddish and browning areas that may eventually darken. The exact appearance varies from plant to plant. The damaged tissue

Letter from OSGKC President:

Dan Schlozman

Our November meeting ends our stay at Roeland Park Community Center, which in my opinion was pleasant but pricey and difficult to book.

After the banquet meeting, we will start the New Year at the Broadway United Methodist Church at 74th and Wornall. ((I regret I will miss the first meeting in order to go with my grandchildren to meet Mickey Mouse during Martin Luther King weekend.)

Meanwhile, we have our winter holiday banquet coming up; and I am very much looking forward to it.

See ya at Figlio's

Happy holidays and happy growing

Dan



which a member requests that it be done by secret ballot. The amended motion was voted on and passed.

Committee Reports:

Program: This month's program was Marge From, from Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, on the zoo's Madagascar Orchid Project. Mark Prout said the club would hold the annual awards dinner at Figlios on the Plaza, 1 p.m. December 10. Cost is \$19.29 including tax for the dinner buffet. Contact Mark to sign up.

Nominating: A motion was made and passed to accept the following candidates for officers recommended by the Nominating Committee: Dan Schlozman, President; Paul Kreutzer, Treasurer; and Susie Hanna, Secretary. Nominations were invited from the floor for Vice President. Monica McNamara was nominated for VP. A vote on this position is scheduled for January.

Shows and Exhibits: Beth Martin said the club's exhibit received Best Society Floor Exhibit at the Kansas Orchid Society show in Wichita. The next show will be in St. Louis in February. Beth said she has been preparing a budget and contacting area hotels about the possibility of OSGKC sponsoring the Fall 2007 Mid-America show. More information will be presented in January.

Raffle: This month's raffle plants were provided by Tony King and Jason Thoren, Heartland Nursery, and Fred Bergman.

Auctions: Monica McNamara said the Executive Committee discussed the Spring auction which will be held in March or April at our new meeting location. Contact her if you'd like to help.

Hospitality: Tony King, Holly Hall, and Holly's mother provided refreshments. Michael Wheeler, Committee chair, asked members to sign up to provide refreshments for 2007.

Publicity: Jason Ward agreed to continue to chair the Publicity Committee, but said he needed more help. Michael Wheeler and Rosemarie Hedrick volunteered.

Yearbook: Lance Jessee said dues need to be paid in a timely manner so the Yearbook can be published on schedule. Dan said invoicing will be by email, and a form will also be inserted into the newsletter.

Beginners' Group: Fred Bergman said the topic today was high-light plants and how to get more light. The next meeting will be in January.

Mid-America: Vivien Walters said the next show is in the Spring in Chicago.

Mentor Program: Frank Serra said he will be working with Ron Daly to contact and work with new members to provide guidance for the first few months

Plant of the Month: Plant of the Month was Angraecum longiscott grown by Dan Schlozman (with some help from Ron Daly).

Miscellaneous: Dan said volunteers are needed to write book reviews for the newsletter.

A Look Behind: OSGKC Meeting: November 12th, 2006, Minutes

Dan Schlozman, President, called the meeting to order.

New Business:

The October 2006 minutes were approved. No treasurer's report was given because Paul Kreutzer needed to be at home with his wife, Pamela, who recently had a car accident. A motion was passed to have the OSGKC secretary send a get well card.

Cindy Hobbs presented the proposed budget for the coming year. A motion passed to accept the budget with no changes.

John Mallery has resigned as chair of the Membership Committee, web master, and VP nominee. Dan announced that Ron Daly would be the new Membership Chair. Ron stated he would be assisted by Frank Serra and Harold Basye, and that they will be working hard to bring in new members.

Old Business:

The Executive Committee recommended that the club vote against a motion made and tabled last month that all current members get a free membership for next year. Estimated cost for this is about \$1,100 which the Executive Committee agrees is too much. The motion to rescind dues for current members for 2007 was voted upon and did not pass.

The Executive Committee recommended that the club pass the motion made and tabled last month by Ron Daly to require a secret ballot on all votes for charitable donations of society funds to any organization, individual, or cause. Doug Martin amended the motion to include any vote in

Member Profile: Frank Serra -- Q and A

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

A. Seven years, then I took a 25-year break, and then nine years of serious growing.

Q. Give a brief description of their growing environment:

A. A 9 x 11- foot greenhouse that was supposed to last a life time.

Three years later I added a 12 x 25 foot greenhouse.

The environment also includes some automation of air, light and water.

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

A. 90% cattleyas; 5% phalaenopsis; and 5% others.

.Q. Name one to three in your collection which is a/are particular favorite(s)



Q. How many orchids are in your collection?:

About 250 full grown and another 100 getting there.

and why:

A. Lc. Mini Purple - good color, form, frequent bloomer, small size; Lc. Everett Dirksen - rich lavender color, good large size,

late summer bloomer; Pot. Little Toshie - Yellow Rose - good form, size, color, frequent bloomer and divider.

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

A. Slippers just don't fit my style. Most of my plants get about the same treatment and slippers last about two years.

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

A. Thirty years ago a professional grower told me that the man who takes care of his plants before his morning coffee will have the best plants. My plants are second best, since I take my morning coffee with my plants.

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

A. I taught school for nine years, and then was invited to join the staff of the National Education Association as an organizational specialist. I have worked in 49 states and 11 countries.

WICHITA WINNERS

by Beth Martin

Team OSGKC brought home a trophy for the best society floor exhibit in the recent Kansas Orchid Society show, "A Fall Fantasy of Orchids." Our exhibit featured 53 blooming orchids arranged around a misty pool. It became even more colorful when ribbons were placed on 35 plants! Every OSGKC member who had plants in the exhibit received at least one ribbon. Congratulations to all of the winners listed below.

Special congratulations to Julie Morrison and David Bird, whose plants were pulled for AOS judging and considered for AOS awards. In addition to supporting the OSGKC exhibit, David entered his own exhibit for Bird's Botanicals. That exhibit received several ribbons, as well as trophies for the best Dendrobium flower and best Oncidium flower.

We sincerely appreciate the

OSGKC members who provided plants for our exhibit. Many thanks also to the members who set up and took down the exhibit:

Cindy Hobbs, Ron Daly, Mark and Joy Prout, and Beth and Doug Martin.

Owner	Plant	Award
OSGKC	Exhibit	Trophy
Harold Basye	C. Angel Bells 'Suzie' AMAOS	Red
Fred Bergman	Blc. Toshi Aoki	White
	Slc. Ginny Champion	Blue
	Paph. Mark Eickhoff	Blue
David Bird	Cycnoches chlorochilon	Blue
	Den. Burana White x Burana Pearl	Blue
	Paph. Annabellchen	Red
	Dtps. (Formosa Rose x Phal. Brother Purple) x (Phal. Mahogany Leopard x Phal. Brother Sara Gold)	Red
Ron Daly	C. Lodgen x C. Acker's Angel	Blue
	Lc. Stephen Oliver Fouraker	White
	Darwinara Charm	Red
Rosemarie Hedrick	Paph. Recovery	Blue
Cindy Hobbs	Colm. Cherry Pop	Blue
	Mtssa. Dark Star 'Darth Vader' AMAOS	Blue
Wendy & Eric Hoch	Slc. Wendy's Redstone 'Carmela' HCC/AOS	Red
	Sophronitis cernua	White

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Submitted by Susie Hanna, Secretary