

05GKC News

ORCHID SOCIETY OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

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July 2008

July 13th Meeting: Annual Family Picnic -1:00 p.m.-5 p.m.

by Doug Martin

Cindy Hobbs will host our Annual Family Picnic again this year. The society will provide a variety of barbequed meats and drinks. We're asking everyone to bring a side dish or desert. And don't forget your swim suit. The pool will be open!

Please contact Cindy and let her know what you're bringing and how many of your family are coming. Please bring lawn chairs if you have them.

> Cindy Hobbs 913-268-9013 TinCan1201@aol.com

Directions to Cindy's house: 5633 Cottonwood Shawnee, KS 66216

From I-435
Exit on Johnson Drive (Exit 6C)
Go East about 2 miles to Pflumm (2nd stoplight)
Turn Left (north)
Cottonwood is the third street on left.
From I-35
Exit on Johnson Drive (Exit 219)

Exit on Johnson Drive (Exit 219) Go West about 2-3/4 miles to Pflumm Turn right (north)

Cottonwood is the **third** street on left.

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American Orchid Society Judging Awards

The following appeared in AOS Orchid magazine, February 2007

Initials such as AM AOS and JC AOS following orchid names indicate awards bestowed by the judges of the American Orchid Society to worthy flowers and plants. Below is a key to these abbreviations seen in publications of the AOS.

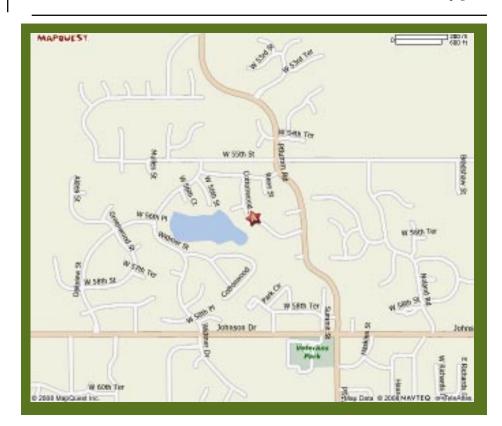
AD (Award of Distinction) and AQ (Award of Quality). These two awards for hybridizing in orchids recognize worthy new trends and improved quality, respectively.

AM (Award of Merit). A flower scoring 80 or 89 points on a scale of 100 points. This flower-quality award is a fine though lesser achievement than the FCC.

CBR (Certificate of Botanical Recognition). Awarded to rare and unusual species with educational interest.

CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence). This award further distinguishes growers of plants that exhibit an extreme degree of skill in cultiva-

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Map from mapquest.com

Feeding the 'Chids

The following appeared in AOS Orchid magazine, March 2007

Pertilizer -- Nitrogen Phosphorus Potassium: The three numbers on fertilizer bags or boxes are in the order of N-P-K (nitrogen phosphorus potassium).

Please note that the P is in the form of P2O5 that contains 43 percent elemental P. Whereas the K is actually K_2O that has 83 percent elemental K. Naturally, a large third number gives you a high proportion of K.

Read the label under nitrogen. Manufacturers are required to tell their customers the percentage of each N form: nitrate, ammoniacal N or urea.

If you use the 'full rate' (1 teaspoon per gallon) of the 20-20-20 (20 percent N - 4.3 percent P-86 percent K), you will be applying about 200 ppm N, 43 ppm P and 166 ppm K.

Meeting Minutes ~ June 8, 2008

By Holly Hall

Cindy Hobbs gave the treasurer's report.

Fall Mid America will be held in Ohio September 5, 6 & 7.

August meeting is the auction.

Need volunteers to contact commercial vendors.

July is the picnic at Cindy Hobbs house. Everyone is invited along with family members, and it is requested that everyone bring a side dish that is attending.

Glen Lessendon is going to take over as the program chair.

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tion, having received 90 points or more on the scale that has been used for the Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM).

CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit). The beginning orchid grower may hope to attain this award because the award, rather than designating an individual flower of high quality, recognizes the grower and not the plant. The CCM may be given more than once if the plant continues to thrive and increase in both the size and number of flowers.

CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit). Awarded to a wellgrown and well-flowered species or natural hybrid with characteristics that contribute to the horticultural aspects of orchidology.

FCC (First Class Certificate). The highest flower-quality award, given by AOS judges to flowers scoring 90 or more points on a scale of 100 points.

HCC (Highly Commended Certificate). The HCC is granted to a flower scoring 75 to 79 points on a scale of 100 points, which is not enough to merit an AM. The majority of awarded orchids receive this award, which implies that, while the flower being judged is outstanding, there is room for improvement.

JC (Judges Commendation). Given to orchids for distinctive

characteristics that the AOS judges, by an affirmative vote of at least 75 percent, feel should be recognized, but cannot be scored in customary ways.

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