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...Promote interest in and to disseminate information in culture, development, and hybridization of orchids.....

The Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City meets the 2nd Sunday of each month. Annual dues are \$25 for Individuals and \$30 for Household.

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February Meeting Recap In Brief

24 members brought 46 blooming orchids for our viewing pleasure. What a display!!!

New members Bill and Sue Bondurant were welcomed as well as returning members Kathy Yesko, Cindy Leech and Robin Byrd. Welcome and Welcome Back!!

If you weren't at the meeting to turn in your dues, please send them to Joy Prout, treasurer, at 129 NE Edgewater Dr. Lee's Summit, MO 64064 or, go to the Society website at OSGKC.org and pay with PayPal. And if you wonder if you paid, an email was sent before the meeting to those who had not paid.

Started at the February meeting – 'Culture & Care Roundtable'. There were many orchids brought for consultation and much help given. The collaboration orchestrated by Susie Hanna was simply amazing. Remember that this will be available at every meeting.

If you are a beginner, join us for Beginners group at 1:30. February's discussion was on Kiekis.

Gardeners Connect will be hosting KC Garden Symposium at the Aruppe Hall, Rockhurst University on March 7. Go to www.gardensymposium.org for details.

Mark Prout gave our month's presentation. He explained how orchids get names and the significance of upper case/lower case letters and apostrophe (') marks around part of a name, and oh so much more. Thanks Mark

St. Louis show was a great success for OSGKC. Blue Ribbon on the exhibit, 12 orchid blue ribbons, 3 red, and 2 white for 31 plants. And Sariah Kinney received our Society's only show trophy for her entry in the Collectables category



March meeting is on the 15th, this is a change!!!

Holly Caparoon (Hall) Contributor

The membership voted to participate in a 'Project Plant'. Each participant will receive a 'child' of Slc. Fire Fantasy 'H&R' 2721 X Slc. Cosmic Delite 'SVO' HCC/AOS481. These are mini-catt crosses from Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids, that are described as easy blooming. Kristy Charland has set up a Facebook group, Orchid Growers of OSGKC, so we can communicate, share, learn from each other. 36 plants were ordered at the meeting. The question is – What will the children look like?!!!! Fun, Fun!!



Kristy Charland Contributor

March News!

*Shows in Arkansas, Springfield MO, and Omaha –

from Beth Martin:

OSGKC Needs Your Help for Orchid Show Exhibits!

The spring show season is here, and OSGKC will enter exhibits in three orchid shows in March. It's a busy month for us, and we need your support! It's important that OSGKC participates in these shows because all of these orchid societies exhibit in ours, so we need to return the favor:

March 6-8 **Orchid Society of the Ozarks Orchid Show and Sale**, Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, Fayetteville, AR

March 20-22 **Springfield Orchid Society Show**, Springfield Botanical Gardens, Springfield, MO

March 27-29 **Greater Omaha Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale**, Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha, NE

We'll need lots of blooming orchids from our members for these exhibits, **and we love to have help from volunteers. If you'd like to help, contact Beth Martin, 913-248-8669 or dougbethm@gmail.com.**

Here are a few things you can do in the next few weeks to help your orchids look their best in an exhibit:

Keep your orchids free of all pests and diseases. Orchids infested with scale, mealy bugs or other insects *cannot* be exhibited because these pests could be transferred to other plants in the exhibit. Virused orchids can't be exhibited, also because of the risk of infecting other plants.

Stake inflorescences as needed. This helps to hold the flowers up and make them easier to see. This isn't necessary for all inflorescences so use good judgment.

Keep your orchids oriented to your light source. Turning the pot (when you pick it up to water, for example) can cause twists and kinks in inflorescences as buds and flowers try to turn toward the light they need. If necessary, mark a spot on the pot to be sure you return the pot to the same position after watering.

Groom your plants. Wipe dust and dirt off leaves; remove dead flowers, inflorescences, leaves and sheaths.

Put your name on the pot in an inconspicuous spot. We need to know this so we can return plants to the right owners! A return address label is an easy way to do this.

These are great weekends to see and buy lots of orchids from many different vendors. If you can come for the weekend, try clerking – you learn LOTS about orchids and it's fun; you can sit in on AOS judging after ribbon judging and see what it takes to get an AOS Award. (Plus, they feed you 😊!!) Arkansas ribbon judging begins about 1:00, Springfield and Omaha begin at about 7:00 a.m. Plan to arrive 30 minutes in advance. If you want to try clerking, let Beth know as your name will be submitted to the Show Host.

Upcoming March 15, 2020 Program

Featured Program for our March 15th meeting..... Tour de France, with Doug and Beth Martin. Our members, Doug and Beth Martin, will share their trip to France to see native orchids. In between stops at area wine estates, gourmet cooking classes and historical sites, the Martins saw some amazing orchids in flower in the lovely countryside of France. Please join us for an enjoyable "Voyage Francais!"

Susie Hanna Contributor

Judging notes...

Judging notes from February 9, 2019

22 members brought 42 blooming orchids for judging. Mark and Joy Prout, and Al Clinton & Susie Hanna brought plants for 'show and tell'.

Blue Ribbons were received by: Judy Harris for Catt. Gold Digger Orchid Jungle, Kristy Charland for Den. spectabile, Jean Rogers for Mtssa. Kauai's Choice, Terrance Thompson for Paph. Big Island Flyer, Annie Heath for a NOID Phal, Joann Curtin for Species B. Nodosa, and Dan Schlozman for 'Other' Angraecum sesquipedale

Red Ribbons were received by: Doug & Beth for Catt. Love Castle, Crystal Remington for Den. aberrans, Joann Curtin for Tol. Northern Light, Brian Donovan for Paph tranlium, Joann Curtin for Species Colanthe westitia, and Eric Shirling for 'Other' Cym. NOID



White Ribbons were received by: Dan Schlozman for Bc. Maikai Mayumi, Heidi Stoker for Den maiden charlotte, Phillip Kinney for Oncidium cheiophorum, Terrance Thompson for Paph Baroness Byford, Sariah Kinney for Dtps, Galin Pearl, and Crystal Remington for Species Ludisia Discolor

Orchid of the month was received by Kristy Charland for her Den. spectabile.

Dipti Solanti Contributor

Upcoming Shows & Judgings Around Our Region

If you have an orchid blooming that you think is FANTASTIC – Contact Mark Prout or Doug/Beth Martin. If it is time for a meeting at the Judging Center – they could take your plant to be evaluated for an award (and/or give you their best opinion if it indeed should be looked at). There are Judging Centers all-across America. The one closest to us is the MidAmerica Judging Center in St. Louis, MO. It holds monthly judging on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The mission of the Judging Centers is to provide orchid growers in the region with the opportunity to have their plants evaluated and judged for AOS awards. These include HCC, AM, FCC, JC, AQ, CBR, CHM, CCM, and CCE.

- March 6-8, 2020** **Orchid Society of the Ozarks 10th Annual 'Orchids in the Garden,'**
Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, 4703 N. Crossover Road, Fayetteville, AR
- March 14, 2020** **Mid-America Judging Center**
Missouri Botanical Garden, Commerce Bank Center for Science Ed., 4651 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO
- March 21-22, 2020** **Springfield Orchid Society Show,** Greene County Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, MO
- March 28-29, 2020** **Greater Omaha Orchid Society "33rd Annual Orchid Show & Sale,"**
Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft, Omaha, NE
- April 11, 2020** **Mid-America Judging Center**
Missouri Botanical Garden, Commerce Bank Center for Science Ed., 4651 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO
- May 9, 2020** **Mid-America Judging Center**
Missouri Botanical Garden, Commerce Bank Center for Science Ed., 4651 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO
- June 13, 2020** **Mid-America Judging Center**
Missouri Botanical Garden, Commerce Bank Center for Science Ed., 4651 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO
- July 11, 2020** **Mid-America Judging Center**
Missouri Botanical Garden, Commerce Bank Center for Science Ed., 4651 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO

Blooming Orchids for Judging and Display February 9, 2020

If the photo on the following 2 pages does not have a name, it is because either it was a NOID orchid, or I missed the tag.



B. nodosa



Cal. vestitia



Phal. Veitchiana



Cynorkis lowiana



C. Rosa Nuvarvo



Ctt. Gold Digger



Ctt. White Bridal



D. spectabile



Angraecum



Milt. Kaul's Choice



Onc. Howeara Lara Byrst



C. Rosa Nuvarvo



Ctt. Gold Digger



Slc. Kagaribi Dawn Lc. Trick or Treat



Ctt. White Bridal



C. Love Castle



Onc. Cheisophorum



Tolo. Northern Lights



Lc. Nippon 'Libinza'



Paph. tranlienianum



Paph. Deperle



Paph. Baroness Byford



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Masd. posadae



Paph. Mystic Isle



Paph. Big Island Flyer



Paph. Lynieigh Koopowitz x delenatii



Onc. Sharry Baby



Bc. Maikai



Phal. Yu Pin Polar Star



Lc. Jalapa x Bc. Maikai



Den. Aberrans



Burr. Fran's Jewels



Ludisia discolor



Den Maiden Charlotte



Lc. Sergio Araujo

2/9/2020



Dtps. Ganlin Peart



Orchid Growing Tidbits

Spring is right around the corner (we hope). Soon, if not already, you'll be doing some repotting. And from the 'Culture and Care Round Table' at the February meeting, Susie Hanna said the number one take-away, was "**don't be afraid to repot**". Here are some ideas from various articles on the web:

- When to repot – Cattleya and other sympodial growth orchids – like to be somewhat crowded, just as you see new roots begin to grow or up to 4" long, bifoliate (2 leaves atop pseudobulbs) are more susceptible to shock so repot when roots just begin to emerge. Phalaenopsis – after blooming in the spring, by June, annually or every two years at most. Dendrobiums – as infrequently as possible, in non-degrading mix, just as new roots emerge. Oncidium – at convenience, usually after blooming every couple of years.
- In what medium to repot: match the medium to the roots, small thin roots need finer media; large fat roots want coarser media. Some genera need to dry quickly so need coarser media, most Cattleyas, some even though they have small roots, Tolumnias. There are some other exceptions, always exceptions.
- To repot:
 - Soak pot. If in plastic pot, squeeze pot from multiple sides to loosen roots from pot, gently run a dinner knife around pot to release roots that may be stuck to the pot before removing plant. Remove as much media from the roots as possible with damaging roots.
 - 'Under pot' leaving only enough room for 1-2 years of growth.
 - Potting medium needs to be porous – do not use potting soil (except for terrestrial orchids like Ludisia).
 - Wear surgical gloves to prevent spreading fungal or viral diseases between plants; whenever cutting (ie: dead roots) always use a sterile device.
 - Cinnamon is a natural fungicide and drying agent; apply on cuts, not rest of plant or roots.
 - If dividing a plant, keep at least 3-5 growing centers (?Pseudobulbs, back bulbs?) to a pot.
 - Spread roots over a cone of potting medium, then fill the container with medium, working it in among the roots, tamping firmly
 - After repotting, go a week or two without watering.
 - If using moss, New Zealand Sphagnum Moss is thought to be the cleanest, best. Easy to overwater with moss. Wait until only slightly damp to water.
 - If reusing pots, check how to sterilize them
- If you need bark, Mark Prout can bring bags of Orchata back from St. Louis on judging weekends (second Saturday of each month). Check to make sure he is going that month. Marilyn LeDoux (Windy Hill Gardens) has 40-liter bags of fine medium and large bark for \$35. Medium suits most potting needs. 40 liters may be too much for many but the worst addicts (we know who we are) so several people or the society may want to consider sharing.

News from the AOS

We thank the American Orchid Society for allowing us to use these AOS Corner items in our newsletter! Even if you're not an AOS member, there are lots of free resources available to everyone...and of course we encourage you to join. AOS membership includes digital access to ORCHIDS magazine, including digital archives of more than 350 issues dating back to 1932!

CULTURE CONNECTION

CULTIVATE, to grow in a prepared medium

Visit the AOS website for a [Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care](#)

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/january-february-checklist.aspx>

February: BEGINNERS START HERE Basic Orchid Care Tips for Successfully Growing and Flowering Plants

By Ron McHatton, PhD

KNOWING WHICH ORCHID YOU ARE trying to grow is your key to its cultural requirements. Orchids, like all plants, need a balance of light, air, water and food to grow and flower well. Let's examine each of these elements.

LIGHT Without enough light, orchids may produce lush-looking growths but no flowers. Not giving orchids enough light is the most common reason for failure to bloom. The old notion of orchids growing in dark jungles still persists and it couldn't be further from the truth. In reality, many have developed as epiphytes to take advantage of brighter light available in the upper forest canopy.

Provide orchids with as much light as they will take without burning. This means that the foliage should not be a lush, dark green. Orchids grown under sufficient light will have lighter, somewhat yellow-green foliage and strong upright growths.

AIR Orchid roots, and eventually the entire plant, will die if they do not receive air. This is the reason that, with the exception of a few terrestrial varieties, they do not grow in soil. Orchid potting media should be open, with exceptionally good drainage, yet capable of holding sufficient moisture to support the plant's needs. Orchid plants are also intolerant of a stale, stagnant environment. You should strive for a buoyant atmosphere and gentle air movement must be provided at all times. For orchids grown in the home, this can be provided by an overhead paddle fan set on its lowest setting or a portable oscillating fan directed away from the plants.

WATER Without question, more orchids are killed by incorrect watering than by any other reason. Proper watering consists of two separate components: quantity and frequency. Orchids should be watered just as they dry out. There's unfortunately no magic formula; i.e., water a plant in a 6-inch (15-cm) pot every seven days and you'll be trouble free. This is because your growing area is different from anyone else's. Humidity, air movement, potting medium (type and age) and light levels all play a role.

There are several ways to determine when a potted orchid is almost dry: 1) The surface of the potting mix will appear dry. 2) Dry pots will feel lighter. 3) Clay pots feel dry. 4) A wooden stake or skewer inserted into the potting mix will come out almost dry. If in doubt, a finger inserted into the potting mix is perhaps the best tool to determine the moisture content of the potting mix. It will cause no harm to the plant.

When orchids are watered, they should be watered copiously. Water should be provided until it runs freely from the drainage holes. Not only does this soak the potting medium but it also flushes salts that naturally accumulate. At a minimum, try to thoroughly water plants at least once a month.

Watering frequency can be controlled by the choice of pot. For those who really like to water their plants or live in humid, rainy areas, clay pots, especially slotted pots are a good choice. Growers in drier climates or those who tend not to water often enough might want to use plastic pots to hold moisture longer.

FERTILIZER Orchids will grow and flower, given that their other requirements are met, for fairly long periods without fertilizer but you'll get better results with some level of fertilizing. Typically, plants are fertilized once a week during the summer and every two weeks in the autumn and winter. Regardless of the fertilizer that you choose to use, most experienced growers use no more than half the label-recommended strength. It's best to water first to wet the potting medium before you fertilize.

Fertilizers used on orchids should contain little or no urea. This is because soil organisms must first convert the nitrogen in urea to a form useable by plants, and because orchids do not grow in soil, this conversion does not occur efficiently. The old conventional wisdom used to be that orchids grown in bark mixes needed to be fertilized with formulations high in nitrogen, i.e., 30-10-10. We now understand that these high-nitrogen fertilizers aren't necessary. For a more detailed discussion of fertilizer and its dependence on water quality, see the June 2003 and February 2008 issues of Orchids magazine or view copies of pertinent articles on line at the Society's Web site (www.aos.org).

OBSERVATION Most experienced growers will agree that observation is the most important key to growing orchids well. Examining your plants on a regular basis will allow you to adjust and correct any problems before they become severe. (*As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 77 NO.8 AUGUST 2008*)

AOS members have access to over 2,050 articles published between the years 2003 - 2009 and 2011 - 2018 through the [digital archives](http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx). <http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

Here be Dragons - Fantastic New Catamodes Hybrids by Fred Clarke

In the February issue of ORCHIDS, Fred Clarke rolls out another insightful article on the wild world of Catasetinae hybrids. After reading about Catamodes, you will be yearning to grow some of your own! Once you see the beauty and learn the cultural needs of the Catasetinae you will want to give them a try.

This series of articles in ORCHIDS began June 2019 with [The Catasetinae — Part 1 - The Cat's Meow: New Developments in Breeding and Growing Catasetums](#). August featured The Catasetinae — [The Catasetinae — Part 2 - Clowesetums — Breeding Clowesias with Catasetums](#) and October offered [The Catasetinae — Part 3 - Breeding with Goblins — The Latest Developments in Mormodes Hybrids](#).

Don't miss out! Membership offers something for everyone - Coming in February 2020

- For the Novice - Artificial Light Intensity and Supplemental Lighting by Ray Barkalow
- Collector's Item - *Bulbophyllum beccarii* by Jerry Lee Fisher
- GREAT Ideas - Foundations for Greenhouses by Jean Allen-Ikeson
- A New Lighting Option for Indoor Orchid Growing: T5 HO LED Replacements for Fluorescent Grow Lights by A'na Sa'tara
- *Liparis liliifolia* - A "lily" of an Orchid by Soraya Cates Parr
- *Lindleyana* - xCattlianthe dabeibaensis - A New Intergeneric Natural Hybrid in Colombia by Ruben Sauleda, Andrea Niessen and Juan Carlos Uribe
- Book Review - Orchids as Aphrodisiac, Medicine or Food

It's a Celebration! You can be a part of it!

The American Orchid Society headquarters at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, Florida, has been chosen by The United States Postal Service as the host site for the release of new stamps in 2020 - Wild Orchids! The postal service holds a First Day of Issue Ceremony for each new stamp release the day the stamps go on sale across the USA. The new stamps will be available to purchase during this event. The AOS will host the First Day of Issue Ceremony for these stamps on February 21, 2020 at 11:00 am. The celebration will take place at the AOS Library located inside [Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens](#). <https://www.fairchildgarden.org/Horticulture/American-Orchid-Society-at-Fairchild>

Each stamp features a photograph of one of nine species that grows wild in the United States. Identified left to right row one: **1** *Triphora trianthophoros*, **2** *Cypripedium californicum*, **3** *Hexalectris spicata*, **4** *Cypripedium reginae*, **5** *Spiranthes odorata*

Identified left to right row two: **6** *Platanthera leucophaea*, **7** *Triphora trianthophoros*, **8** *Platanthera grandiflora*, **9** *Cyrtopodium polyphyllum*, **10** *Calopogon tuberosus*



REMINDERS

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? An affiliated society may use recorded webinars for presentations at their monthly meetings. With Wi-Fi access, it's easy! Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. You can view from anywhere that you have an internet connection, via Mac, PC or even your mobile device. It's easy to find the [scheduled webinars](#) and to register on the AOS website. You will find the link here: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

If you do not have internet access, you can contact the AOS Education Committee, Sandra Svoboda at stillisch@cox.net and request [a program from the recorded list](#). <http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Webinars-for-Affiliated-Societies-7-24-19.pdf> The video file with instructions for use will be sent to you. Copy the file to a flash drive or copy it to your computer hard drive and show the webinar at the meeting.

Coupled with archived information from the AOS Forum
 1) [Beginners' Newsletters](#) and these tips from the AOS video library on 2) [Selecting an Orchid](#) and this 3) [Members Only Webinar](#), you have enough to get you started on building a healthy orchid collection.
 1) <http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/beginners-newsletter.aspx>
 2) <http://www.aos.org/orchids/aos-video-library/selecting-an-orchid.aspx>
 3) <http://www.aos.org/orchids/aos-video-library/selecting-an-orchid.aspx>

Webinars-Coming Attractions!

			
When January 09, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	When January 16, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	When February 11, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	When February 18, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday
Topic Orchid Travels in Peru	Topic Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) Send in your Questions!	Topic Large Flowered Cattleyas	Topic Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) Send in your Questions!
Presenter Ken Jacobsen Accredited AOS Judge	Presenter Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Presenter Art Chadwick Founder Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc.	Presenter Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

Some AOS Awards



Left: *Pleurothallis Memoria Carlyle Luer 'Bryon'* HCC | AOS (78 points)
Pleurothallis teaguei X *Pleurothallis bivalvis*

Right: *Maxillaria luteograndiflora* 'Windy Hill' HCC | AOS (77 points)



American Orchid Society Show Trophy 'Howard P. Martin' ST | AOS (83 points)



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What's Ahead ...

March 15, 2020 (THIS IS A CHANGE)

LSC 13420 Oak Street, Lenexa, KS 66215
913-477-7100
1:30 (1)Beginner's Meeting and (2)"Culture & Care Roundtable with hostess Cindy Hobbs: (Want input from someone on an orchid(s) you have, bring to the Roundtable. If you suspect bugs or disease, please bring in a bag.)
2:00 Meeting followed by Program: OSGKC Members and Associate AOS Judges Doug and Beth Martin take us on a Tour of Native Orchids of Southern France

April 19, 2020

LSC 13420 Oak Street, Lenexa, KS 66215
913-477-7100
Spring Orchid Auction
Begins: 2:00

May 17, 2020

LSC 13420 Oak Street
Lenexa, KS 66215
913-477-7100
1:30 (1)Beginner's Meeting and (2)"Culture & Care Roundtable with hostess Cindy Hobbs: (Want input from someone on an orchid(s) you have, bring to the Roundtable. If you suspect bugs or disease, please bring in a bag.)
2:00 Meeting followed by Program: "Growing Paphiopedilums," Ross Hella, Deerwood Orchids

June 14, 2020

LSC 13420 Oak Street, Lenexa, KS 66215
913-477-7100
1:30 (1)Beginner's Meeting and (2)"Culture & Care Roundtable with hostess Cindy Hobbs: (Want input from someone on an orchid(s) you have, bring to the Roundtable. If you suspect bugs or disease, please bring in a bag.)
2:00 Meeting followed by Program: "Orchids of Ecuador," Leon Glicenstein

July 12, 2020

In-House Orchid Tour of Member Growers

August 9, 2020

Annual Picnic for members of OSGKC

September 13, 2020

LSC 13420 Oak Street, Lenexa, KS 66215
913-477-7100
1:30 (1)Beginner's Meeting and (2)"Culture & Care Roundtable with hostess Cindy Hobbs: (Want input from someone on an orchid(s) you have, bring to the Roundtable. If you suspect bugs or disease, please bring in a bag.)
2:00 Meeting followed by Program: "Growing Miniature Orchids", Edgar Stehli, Windswept in Time Orchids

October 11, 2020

LSC 13420 Oak Street, Lenexa, KS 66215
913-477-7100
1:30 (1)Beginner's Meeting and (2)"Culture & Care Roundtable with hostess Cindy Hobbs: (Want input from someone on an orchid(s) you have, bring to the Roundtable. If you suspect bugs or disease, please bring in a bag.)
2:00 Meeting followed by Planning for our **show scheduled Oct. 30-Nov. 1.**