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

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November-January News!



Comments from Kristy Charland, 2022-2023 President

Happy Winter Greetings,
As most of you know, my winter didn't begin in a way I would choose, but recovery is going nicely. Thanks to all of you for the sweet greetings, and the absolutely stunning Phalaenopsis arrangement for my family and me to enjoy for the holidays. I learned about my plants while in the hospital and convalescing. If you buy a super humidifier, and your best friend keeps it filled for you, our plants are more resilient than we think. A few failed, a few look a little worse for wear, but some looked fine and some even flowered after about three weeks of neglect. So, this is goodbye... I sign off as your president after two years of wonderful experience. Thanks to my board of directors for all the guidance and assistance, and to the membership for your enthusiasm and smiling faces, willing to play with plants with me. It truly has been fun! I'm excited for the leadership of our new president and vice president, and look forward to traveling, displaying, and growing our orchids together.
Be well,
Kristy



Welcome to 2024. I'm excited that we have lots of new member-participation in the Society. It will be great getting to know everyone better, not to mention the old phrase of "many hands make for light work". Susie Hanna has speakers lined up for a majority of the year; we'll have our usual Grower's Tour in July and Picnic in August, Auction in April, Show in October. And Celebration in December. At the monthly meetings, members will take turns participating in orchid judging. You'll really enjoy this and get a little taste of show clerking/judging. **As usual there will be beginners group led by our own AOS judge Mark Prout. And there will be Care and Culture Round Table where you can bring any orchid plant and/or questions you have that will be hosted by Kristy Charland and Ariel Paulson – two GREAT growers.** Then there is the 'monthly' Newsletter. There are several who have volunteered for different aspects of the Newsletter which will help it be put together more regularly. Lots of good stuff. Thanks to the many who have volunteered to help in some capacity. I look forward to a great year.
Happy Orchid Growing,
Jean

Comments from Jean Rogers, Editor

Thanks to Mark Prout and Cassie Nagy and Susan Olsen for proofing!!!

Please remember that we'd like to see your blooming orchids. Feel free to take pictures anytime during the month and then send them when I let you know I'm working on the newsletter. We love seeing each others' successes. They are "For Viewing Pleasure" only – not for judging which is done at the meetings.

If you find a new product or potting information, have an inquiry, or any other thing you think other members might be interested in, please send it to me and I'll include it in the newsletter. jeanierogerswarren@gmail.com Check out "Ideas, Items, and Inquiries" after the pictures.

If you have questions/problems, remember to bring your plant or pictures of it to the meeting. If you don't want to wait till next meeting, you can always post to Orchid Growers of OSGKC Facebook page and get help from other members. And If you don't do Facebook but you are an AOS member, you can send pictures to the Greenhouse Chat (see AOS Webinar Chart below) and experts will help you during the Webinar Chat AND follow up with you. If you are not an AOS member, please consider becoming one. You can do that at their website. <https://secure.aos.org/store/register-renew> And for any help, please contact Mark Prout, AOS Rep for our Society. Happy orchid growing, Jean

Project Plant Update from Kristy Charland

Then this past May we received Paphiopedilums from Theresa Hill at Hillsview Gardens. There were 62 plants distributed to our members of 6 different crosses. They are Osage Eagle, Dark Warlock, Mem Harry Truman, Unnamed California Girl x John Hainsworth, Mountain Emerald, and Desert Realm. These were healthy, robust plants and I was so pleased when they arrived. From reports on the OSGKC facebook page, we have had 3 flower so far. Please report your progress on the Orchid Growers of OSGKC Facebook page. Or if you don't participate on Facebook, please let me know and send photos so that I can keep track of our flowers. charland.ek@outlook.com Growing questions are always welcome. Below are, L to R, Megan Mayo's Dark Warlock, Mark Prout's Dark Warlock, and Kristy Charland's Osage Eagle



Facebook Group

Our Facebook page, Orchid Growers of OSGKC, is a great place for us to communicate, share, learn from each other. All through the month we have orchids that bud and bloom and we get so excited and want to share it, and the meeting is sooooo far away!! Use the Orchid Growers of OSGKC Facebook Page. Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/909878999427064/?ref=share> It is easy to post your precious orchids and get oooohhs and ahhhs from other members. Or something is going on and you want to ask someone – post it on this page. If you need Facebook help (I know I did and still do!!) contact Kristy (charland.ek@outlook.com). She'll be glad to help. **If you want to email us**, please contact Cindy Hobbs – Mentor Chair, tincan1201@aol.com

November Speaker Review by Crystal Remington

Dr. Bill Expanding *Your Orchid Horizons*, points for success with new genera

Dr. Bill is a 12-year hobbyist who reviewed growing under lights. He shared with us some of the tips and tricks he has learned over the years so we too can feel the power of blooming an orchid!

As always the most important parts are:

Watering → Lighting → Temperature → Humidity → Space → Patience!

PHALAEOPSIS (PHALS, "MOTH" OR "BUTTERFLY" ORCHID, ETC)

- Water + humidity:** Evenly moist, tolerant of lower humidity
- Light:** Low (900-1500fc, usually giving the "novelty" types more)
- Temperature:** Temps 60-80F; Phalaenopsis subgroup; Polychilos subgroup likes it warmer
- Fertilizer:** Even, year round
- Potting:** Bark mix, moss, mounted, semi-hydro, etc

DENDROBIUM - LATOURIA

- Common species:** Abdera, Alseodryas, Atriplicocum, Spectabile, Johnsoniae
- Culture:** Cool-hot growing species, most hybrids doing well intermediate (62-85F); S-SE light; 60-85+ % RH; Approach dryness + fertilizer year round
- Examples:** Den. Chocolate Chip, Den. Royal Chip, Den. Roy Takunaga

CATTELYA

- Water + humidity:** Drench but then dry out - some harder than others; H= 40-70%
- Light:** Medium-high (2000-4000fc)
- Temperature:** Temps 60-80F, can tolerate lower
- Fertilizer:** Even, year round
- Potting:** Bark mix, mounted, semi-hydro, etc

ONCIDIUM

- Water + humidity:** Drench, evenly moist; H= 50+%
- Light:** Medium-high (2000-3000fc); Leaf thickness
- Temperature:** Temps 60-80F, can tolerate lower (esp. the "Odontoglossum" types)
- Fertilizer:** Even, year round
- Potting:** Bark mix, moss, mounted, semi-hydro, etc

PAPHS AND PHRAGS

- Water + humidity:** Drench but then evenly moist; Phrags like to be more on the moist-wet side than Paphs; H= 40-70%
- Light:** Low-medium (900-2500fc)
- Temperature:** Temps 60-80F, can higher with good airflow and humidity
- Fertilizer:** Even, year round
- Potting:** Bark mix, moss, semi-hydro, etc

BULBOPHYLLUM

- Water + humidity:** Evenly moist, appreciate 60%+ humidity for "pretty" plants; Don't like drying out too much
- Light:** Medium-bright (2000-3500fc)
- Temperature:** Temps 65-80F
- Fertilizer:** Even, year round
- Potting:** Bark mix, moss, mounted, semi-hydro, etc

VANDA

- Water + humidity:** Drench but not sitting in water, may need to be watered daily or twice daily; H 60% preferred
- Light:** BRIGHT (3000-4000+fc), terete types can take almost full sun
- Temperature:** Temps 60-80+F, can happily take higher temps if shaded and watered
- Fertilizer:** Even, year round
- Potting:** Mount, basket, Bark mix, semi-hydro, etc

CONNECT WITH US!

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Meetings *Upcoming meeting(s) and Events - From Susie Hanna, OSGKC Program Chair:*

January 14, Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, will help us elevate our growing skills with his talk (Zoom), "Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower."

Fred describes his passion for orchids:

"We hybridize with the orchid hobbyist in mind and for ourselves as we are also orchid hobbyists. The breeding lines are focused on four primary areas:

- Plants that are easy to grow and bloom
- Plants that are compact in size
- Flowers of new colors and shapes
- Flowers that are exhibition quality

"Our long-term commitment in the development of our Cattleya breeding program has spanned over 40 years. Our creative abilities have developed many new and unique hybrids. Orchid hobbyists can attest to this, as hundreds of awards have been given to their plants originating from Sunset Valley Orchids. Ask your orchid friends about us, we believe you will find a high level of satisfaction!

"In recent years, orchid hobbyists have realized how rewarding the Catasetinae alliance can be. We believe at Sunset Valley Orchids that every orchid hobbyist has a place for these unique plants in their collections. As the top breeder of this group, we lead with cutting edge breeding, developing and breaking new boundaries for orchid enthusiasts worldwide. The development of the "blackest orchid seen," Fredclarkeara After Dark (Mo. Painted Desert x Ctsm. Donna Wise), captured a great deal of attention. The next generation of Catasetinae hybrids we are dreaming of will be even more spectacular. Grow some and be part of that dream!

"We take pride in offering only the best grown plants. All of our orchid hybrids are grown from seed; we raise them to maturity in our 48,000 sq. ft. greenhouse space. Our rigorous selection process allows for the strongest plants to be advanced through each phase of the production cycle. This process starts in the lab, at de-flasking, throughout the up-potting, and then carries through to maturity. This rigorous process assures that we offer only the healthiest, most vigorous plants."

For more info, Sunsetvalleyorchids.com

Fred will announce availability of his new crosses in February, and if there's interest, we can place a group order.

Judging Notes...

Upcoming Shows & AOS Judging Around Our Region

If you have an orchid blooming that you think is FANTASTIC – Contact Mark Prout. 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.

January 12-14, 2024

Miami Orchid Society's "Tamiami Internatioinal Orchid Festival", Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center, Miami, FL

January 13, 2024

Mid-America Judging Center monthly judging, noon, Missouri Botanical Garden, Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, 4651 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO

January 20, 2024

Great Plains Judging Center monthly judging, 10:30 am, Beech Science Center, 100 College St., Winfield, KS

February 10, 2024

Mid-America Judging Center monthly judging, noon, Missouri Botanical Garden, Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, 4651 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO

February 17, 2024

Great Plains Judging Center monthly judging, 10:30 am, Beech Science Center, 100 College St., Winfield, KS

March 1-3, 2024

Orchid Society of the Ozarks "13th Annual Orchids in the Garden", Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, 4703 N. Crossover Rd, Fayetteville, AR 72764

OSGKC Judging

Ribbon judging at our meetings at the Merriam Community Center are not official AOS judging events, but are an introduction to the judging process and a way for members to share and learn more. Any plant you enter, you should have owned and cared for, for at least 3 months (not just bought recently and brought in. Also, bring the same flowers in for judging only once. For example, if you enter a Paph. one month and the next month it is still in bloom, please do NOT enter it again. Seeing orchids in flower is one of the greatest joys of our meetings and we are so happy to be able to do this again. Please bring in your blooming orchids, even if you don't think they are "award quality". You will always learn something by bringing plants in to discuss and share with other members. And, ribbons count for points which build through the year for our year-end award presentation each December.

November Meeting Judging Results and pictures by Anh Rongish

Thanks to all who brought orchids to enter and show: Jeanne Smith, Kristy Charland, Scott Howell III, Cindy Hobbs, Philip Kinney, Annie Heath, Mike Rafferty, Nancy Kasparch, Susie Hanna and Al Clinton

White Ribbon Winners

Oncidium: Tolumnia Jairak Firm 'Red Devil' by Jeanne Smith

Red Ribbon Winners

Oncidium Sherry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' by Cindy Hobbs

Paphiopedium: barbigerum fma aureum

Rlc. Siam Rex (Cattleya Category) by Kathy Kasparch

Blue Ribbon Winners

Cattleya: Pot. Rubescent Doll by Kristy Charland

Phalaenopsis: NOID by Scott Howell III

Paphiopedium: Paph. Supersuk Eureka x Raisin Pie Hsinying x sib by Annie Heath

Oncidium: Gower Ramsey by Scott Howell III

Species: Psychmorchis pusila by Phillip Kinney

First Bloom: Osage Eagle by Kristy Charland

Other: Zygo. Jumping Jack by Nancy Kasparch



November

Orchid of the Month

**Oncidium Gower Ramsey
by Scott Howell III**

December Meeting Judging Results and pictures by Jean Rogers

Thanks to all who brought orchids to enter and show: Jean Rogers, Katerina Jenkins, Mark Clements, Amanda Spicer, Crystal Remington, Scott Howell III, Mike Rafferty, Susie Hanna and Al Clinton

White Ribbon Winners

Dendrobium: Microchip by Amanda Spicer
Pot. Waianae Lisa Taylor by Jean Rogers

Red Ribbon Winners

Cattleya: B. Little Stars by Katerina Jenkins
Cattleya: Rlc. King of Taiwan by Katerina Jenkins
Dendrobium: NOID by Mark Clements
Oncidium: Oncidesa Hwuluduen 'Chameleon'
Other: Zygopetalum NOID by Katerina Jenkins

Blue Ribbon Winners

Cattleya: Small World x Summer spot by Katerina Jenkins
Cattleya: Lc. Jalapo 'Florence Lia' AM/AOS x Bc. Makai 'Lea' AM/AOS
Cattleya: Mellow Yellow
Dendrobium: ceraula (gonzalesii) by Mark Clements
Phalaenopsis: NOID by Katerina Jenkins
Paphiopedium: Chiara by Anh Rongish
Phragmipedium: Poslee Dixler by Jean Rogers
Oncidium: Onc. Tsiku Maruerite by Crystal Remington
Other: Epi. Porpoax 'Golden Country' by Scott Howell III
Other: Zygopetalum QF Amanda 'B' by Amanda Spicer
Other: Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'



December

Orchid of the Month

**Fdk. After Dark 'SVO
Black Pearl'
by Mark Clements**

For Fun and Learning!!

Orchid Growing Tidbits (How I Grow It.....)

November Blue Ribbon Winners and special orchids and –” *How I grow It*”:



Cattleya: Pot. Rubescent Doll by Kristy Charland

High light
Water when nearly dry
Fertilizer balanced weakly weekly
Cal-mag fertilizer 1/month
50% humidity



Zygopetalum Jumping Jack (Other Category) by Nancy Kasperek

My Zygo. lives under balanced grow lights with a sunshine in the summer (my outdoor lighting is a challenge due to a 4 story tree). The lights are on a timer for 11 hours daily. Watering with dilute fertilizer as needed when the pot feels much lighter and bark appears dry at least 3/4 the way down. I use reverse osmosis water for all my orchids. Media is a mixture of medium size bark, perlite, long strand sphagnum moss and a little charcoal. House temperature during the summer are about 76, winter 68. As it gets cooler, or when I turn on the house heat I use cold vapor humidifiers (2), with a fan oscillating to keep the humidity at least 40%, or higher.



Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Osage Eagle (First Bloom category) by Kristy Charland

It has lived on my northeast facing windowsill all the time. I water with tap water, and use CalMag once a week after I water. It is by the kitchen table but probably only about 35% humidity. It is still in its original potting mix.

December Blue Ribbon Winners and special orchids and – "How I grow It":



Phragmipedium Rosalie Dixler by Jean Rogers

I grow my Paphs and Phrags in my plant room in front of NE windows. They are under lights about 13 hours summer and 11 hours winter. The room gets to the low 80s in summer. In winter, it's about 75 in the day and down to about 57 at night depending on the outside temperature. I use RO water about every 4-5 days and when I water, I leave a little reservoir in the drip tray – it's always gone before I water again. I flush them once a month and fertilize usually twice a month. I use the First Rays program. Humidity usually runs about 60%. I use the Paph and Phrag mix from rePotme and try to repot every year.



Phalaenopsis (Phal.) NOID by Katerina Jenkins

I grow it in the bathroom next to an eastern window. It is about 65 degrees at night and about 68 degrees during the day (it can get up to 74 in the summer). I water it every 14 days and use MSU orchid food by Repot Me and time release orchid fertilizer. I put in outside when it rains in the summer and bring it in as soon as it stops raining. Otherwise I use purified water. It grows in a mix of bark and moss (layers). It is one of my first phals and it blooms for me every year!



Dendrobium (Den.) ceraula (gonzalesii) ricardo by Mark Clements

I grew my dendrobium in an East facing window with about 14–16 hours of LED light from a small halo light stand about 8 inches above. I watered weekly with RO water and fertilized with 30 – 10– 10 approximately every other week.



Ddk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' (Other Category) by Mark Clements

My Catasetum was grown in a glass greenhouse. It was behind 50% shade cloth until the end of October and then I removed the shade cloth entirely. I watered weekly with RO water and fertilized every other week with 30 – 10– 10. It wasn't until late November that I stopped fertilizing and cut back my watering to just a trickle every 2 to 3 weeks.



Rlc. Mellow Yellow by Katerina Jenkins

I grow it in the dining room next to a large window (west) from October till May. I also use growing lights (4 hours in the morning and 4 hours in the evening). It is about 65 degrees at night and about 68 degrees during the day. I water it every 14 days and use MSU orchid food by Repot Me and time release orchid fertilizer. I use purified water and rain water. It is outside from May till October in a shade. It grows in a mix of bark and moss (layers). This is one of my first cattleyas and I love it so much! It also blooms multiple times a year!



Zygopetalum QF Amanda 'B' (Other Category) by Amanda Spicer

Light: kind and amount, summer and winter: I keep my Zygo. QF Amanda on a shelf in front of a Western facing window. She stays there year-round with supplemental LED grow lights.

Temperature: Day and night, summer and winter: my sunroom where my orchids are is usually about 70-73f, but because the plant is so close to the window, I think it runs cooler there. Probably about 68f in the daytime and 65f at night- but I need to get a thermometer for accuracy.

Water: kind and frequency: I water with tap water 2-3 times weekly.

Humidity: Type and amount: room air, but I do mist my mounted orchids which are close by once or twice a day, so maybe a little higher than normal room humidity.

Fertilizer: Type, amount, and frequency: I fertilize with CleanKelp 1/2 strength weekly then when I see a spike I start using a blooming oriented fertilizer.

Potting mix: Type, composition: in a finer all-purpose medium, similar to paph/phrag medium.

Here are some other Blue Ribbon Winners. If you are interested in the culture any of them received to become so beautiful, just ask the grower at the next meeting and ask them.



**Paphiopedilum (Paph.)
Supersuk x Raisin Pie
Hsinying x sib by Annie
Heath**



**Phalaenopsis (Phal.)
NOID by Scott Howell III**



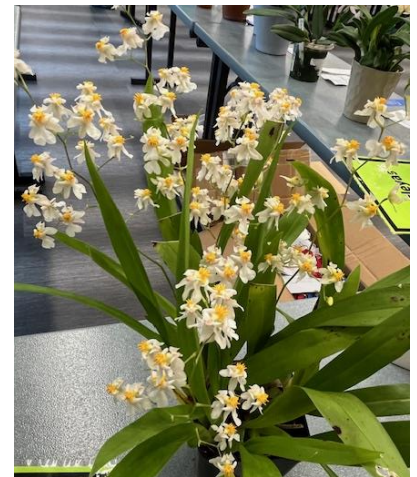
**Oncidium Gower
Ramsey by Scott
Howell III**



**Erycina pusilla
(Species Category) by
Phillip Kinney**



**C. Jalapo 'Florence
Lin' AM/AOS x Bc.
Makai 'Lea' AM/AOS
by Crystal
Remington**



**Oncidium (Onc.) Tsiku
Marguerite by Crystal
Remington**



**Epidendrum porpax
'Gold Country' (Other
Category) by Scott
Howell III**

Year End Award Winners

Cattleya- Katerina Jenkins

Dendrobium - Dipti Solanki

First Bloom Seedling- Kristy Charland

Oncidium- Katerina Jenkins

Other - Katerina Jenkins

Paphiopedilum- Anh Rongish

Phragmepedium - Ken Plahn

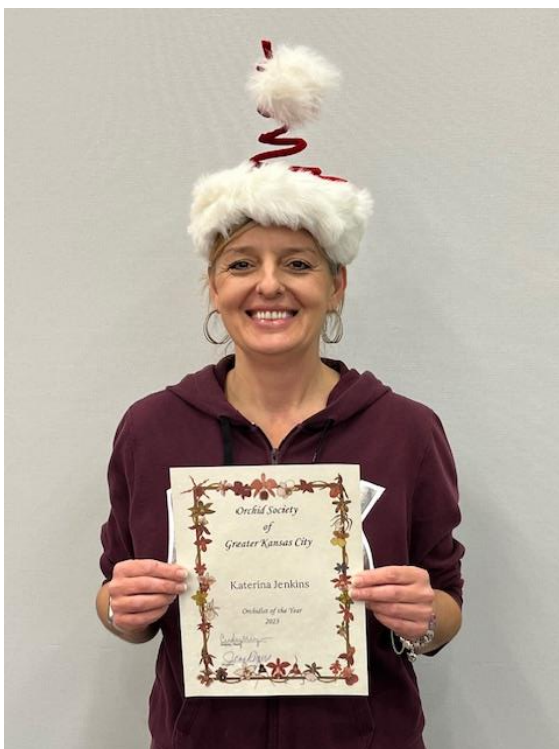
Pleurothalids- Anh Rongish Lauren Johnson

Species- Katerina Jenkins, Kristy Charland

Vanda- Megan Mayo

Epidendrum- Jeanne Smith

Orchidist of the year- Katerina Jenkins



Royal Barber- Kristy Charland



December Holiday Party and Awards Celebration

Thanks to all who brought orchids to show/be judged and food to share. What a Celebration!! Eight plants in the Silent Auction. Forty-five items (plants and gift certificates) in the raffle. A gift Cattleya to each household from the Society. So much food, the buffet had to wrap around into the kitchen!!!



Blooming Orchids for Show

For your VIEWING PLEASURE! Thanks to members who donated!!

Did you know we now have an amazing 137 members in our membership??? Yes, 137!!! It would be beyond my wildest dream if even $\frac{3}{4}$ of you sent a picture for 'Viewing Pleasure'!!! Share your beauties!!! Become involved in the Society as much as you can. It is so fun and rewarding associating with all of you!!!



Rth.. Burana Beauty by
Katerina Jenkins



Rlc. Lisa Taylor Gallis by Jean



Phrag. Mem. Dick Clements
Longfolium by Mark Clements



B. Little Stars by Katerina Jenkins



C. (Hausermann's Gala x Hausremann's Jade
'Lake View')



Rlc. Chonburi Red by Scott Howell III



Rlc. King of Taiwan - Katerina Jenkins



Den. Micro Chip by Amanda Spicer



Paph. barbigerum fma aureum by Mike Rafferty



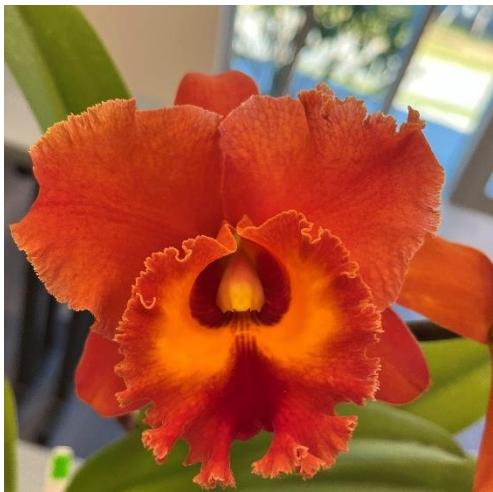
Onc. Hwuluduen 'Chameleon' by Michael Rafferty



Zygo. NOID (Other) by Katerina Jenkins



Den. NOID by Mark Clements



Rlc. Siam Rex by Nancy Kasparch



Perreiraara Bangkok Sunset by Kristy Charland



Bc. Yellow Bird by Kristy Charland



Bl. Morning Glory 4N by Kristy Charland



Galeandra greenwoodiana by Mark and Joy Prout



Vanda aurantiaca by Mark and Joy Prout



Barkeria Brian's Barkers by Mark and Joy Prout



Vanda Peaches by Mark and Joy Prout



Ctt. Seagulls Gumdrop by Mark and Joy Prout



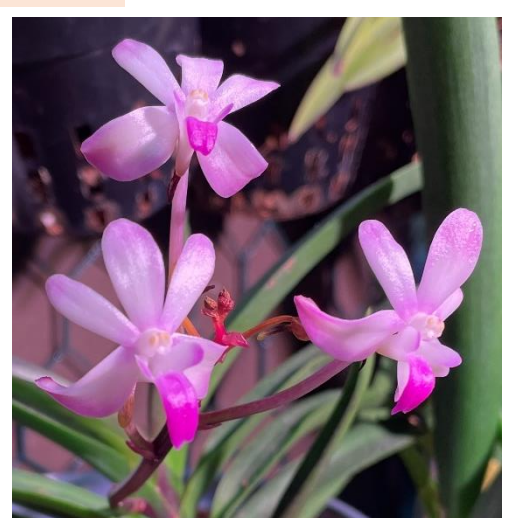
Rlc. Laura Bush 'First Lady' AM/AOS by Mark and Joy Prout



Bc. Yellow Bird by Michael Rafferty



Vanda NOID x curvifolium by Megan Mayo



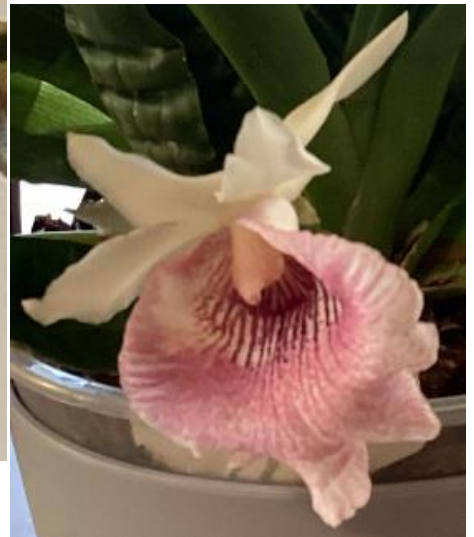
Vanda Baby Angel by Megan Mayo



Vanda A. F. Buckman by Megan Mayo



Phal. NOID by Katerina Jenkins



Cochleanthes Amazing Andrea 'Pretty in Pink' by Katerina Jenkins



Burrageara Francine 'Roseglow' by Katerina Jenkins



Vulstekeara Melissa Brianne 'Dark' by Katerina Jenkins



Paph. barbigerum v. aurea by Susie Hanna



Galeopetalum Arlene Armour 'Conching' by Ariel Paulson



Trt. Ollie Palmer by Susie Hanna



Phal. NOID by Rick Gutknecht



D. Love Memory 'Fizz' by Rick Gutknecht



Ctt. Ploenpit Fantasy 'Jairak' by Rick Gutknecht



Phal. OX Sunshine by Rick Gutknecht



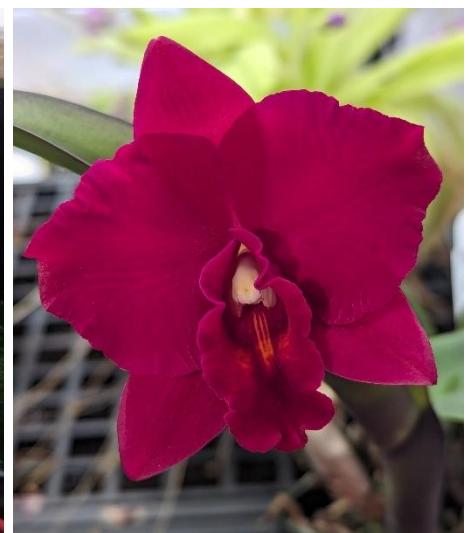
Phal. NOID by Rick Gutknecht



Bllra. Snowblind 'Sweet Spots' by Rick Gutknecht



Masd. Magenta Zinger by Al Clinton



Rlc. (Fantasy Circle x Rubescence) by Mark and Joy Prout



Paph. (Jenna Marie 'Sparkle')
AM/AOS X Mary's Little Leopard)
by Jean Rogers



Den. Dada Blue by Jean Rogers



Den. NOID by Jean Rogers



Dendrochilum niveum 'Windy Hill'
AM/CCE/AOS By Jean Rogers



Den. Edfran's Gem'Snow
White 'By Jean Rogers



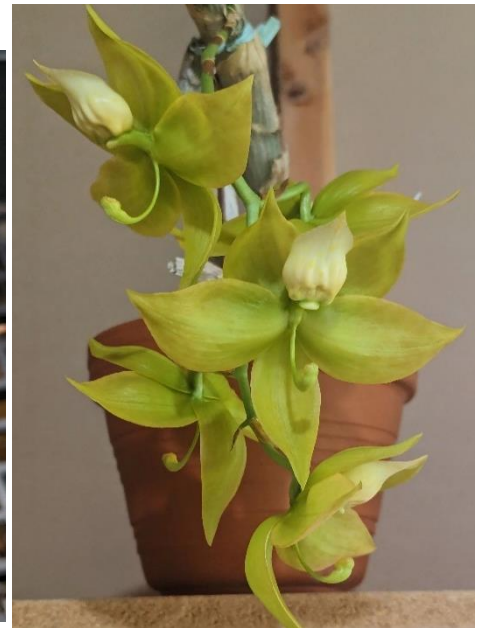
Den. Lorrie Mortimor By Jean



Coel. longifolium By Jean Rogers



Habenaria xanthocheila by Mark
and Joy Prout



Cycnoches (Richard Brandonn x
Pineapple Popcorn) by Mark and
Joy Prout

Ideas, Items and Inquiries (If you know of something for this section, please send to jeanierogerswarren@gmail.com for inclusion)

If you have bifoliate cattleyas (2 leaves coming off top of a cane), you probably know that they cannot just be repotted any time. But catching the right time can be difficult too. I ran across this article which provides some option, and for me, some hope. Thanks to Sue Bottom for granting permission for me to reprint it and sending the copyable format.



If you grow cattleyas, you've been told that unifoliate cattleyas can be repotted any time, but bifoliate cattleyas are very persnickety about repotting. These cattleyas, particularly the species bifoliate, often initiate new roots only once during the year and if you repot outside this narrow window, your bifoliate cattleya may sulk or jump off the cliff in protest. So what do you do when you notice your bifoliate cattleya is doing poorly in a degraded potting mix with no green root tips in sight?



While watering, I noticed this *C. amethystoglossa* was unhappy with wilted pseudobulbs and leaves.

The potting mix 2 inches deep in the pot was degraded and the plant was very wobbly in the pot.

The conventional wisdom is that when you have a severely degraded potting mix, you restrict water to the plant until you see the new roots and can safely repot. The idea is that the roots are already being smothered because the rotting media is restricting air movement around the roots and the mix dries out much more slowly than fresh mix. Unfortunately, I am incapable of watching my plants slowly die and needed another approach...Keith Davis to the rescue!

Keith Davis from Reidsville, North Carolina is a cattleya aficionado who shared a lot of his orchid growing tips with our club, including this one on repotting bifoliate. His approach is to strip away the old mix and secure the plant on top of a bed of lava rock with no potting mix around the roots. Then you wait until the plant is ready to throw off its new roots.

Secure Your Bifoliate in a Pot with Some Lava Rock and Wait for Your Roots to Grow



One look at the roots and you know this isn't going to be pretty.



No wonder the plant looked so unhappy, those roots were screaming for air.



Make a layer of large chunks of lava rock two or three deep in the pot.



Set the plant on top of the lava rock and leave the roots open to the air.



Secure the plant in place with rhizome clips so it doesn't move in the pot.



A second rhizome clip over the first plus a plant halo help secure the plant.

You can water the plant every second or third day while you're waiting for the new roots to emerge. You can also place some sphagnum moss over the newest pseudobulb from which the next pseudobulb and the new roots will emerge to protect and encourage the new growth. When the new roots finally emerge, you'll add a handful of your potting mix to the pot every week. The roots will grow and branch into your new mix. You will continue to add a handful of mix to the pot each week, and after about 4 or 5 weeks, your plant will be fully established in its new home with fresh mix.

Blc. Pali Polka Dot

(Blc. Chinese Bronze x *C. aclandiae*)



The potting mix is being backfilled over the growing roots, about 2 weeks into the backfilling process..



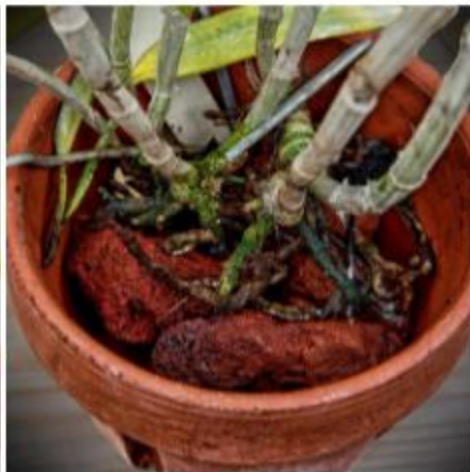
The plant is fully established with happily growing roots in fresh mix.

Blc. RIO's Touch of Class

(C. Penny Kuroda x C. tigrina)



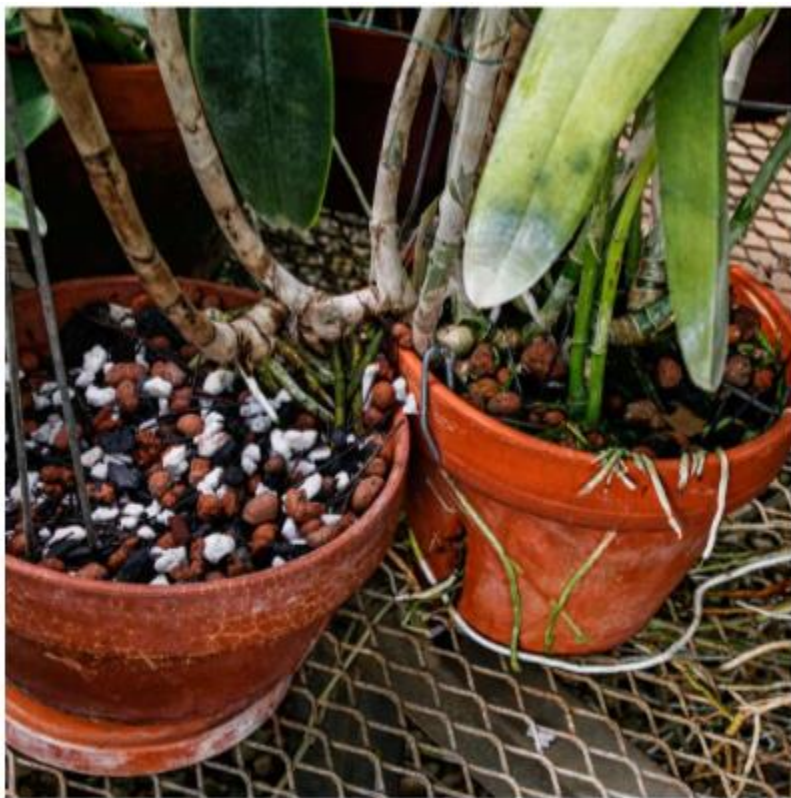
Ruben Sauleda gave me a seedling of this bifoliate cattleya. After its incredible first bloom, I couldn't wait for it to grow up.



In November, there wasn't a live root and I was afraid the plant was a goner. I repotted Keith Davis style and then had to wait.



By May, there were three new growths emerging from behind the protective sphagnum. The plant is on the road to recovery!



Keith's No Stress Division – Position a pot filled with media next to the growing lead and let it grow into the pot.

Keith has a lot of other techniques for repotting your cattleyas, like letting a lead grow over the edge of the pot to grow into a second pot prefilled with potting mix while it is secured to the mother plant. So simple! But if you find yourself between the rock and a hard place with a bifoliate cattleya that simply must get out of a stale mix, try repotting Keith Davis style. It may take 6 months for the plant to start growing new roots so you can backfill the pot and get the plant established. Of course, if you consider the alternative you'll really enjoy that next bloom knowing it otherwise might never have been!

Community Service

If you have knowledge of an upcoming event, or something you think others might like to know of, please let me know and I can put it 'HERE' in the newsletter – jeanierogerswarren@gmail.com



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🌿 Message us for any specific plant requests!!

It's locked in!! We will be having an Orchid 102 Class on **Thursday, March 28th at 6pm at the Merriam Community Center**. Class fee is \$39 and registration can be done through email at vashti.bird@gmail.com. This Class is only offered once a year and it would be great for members in the society that are wanting to learn more!! David will cover more intermediate Orchid Families to grow like Lycaste, Epidendrium, Cymbidium, Bletilla, Phragmipedium, Dracula/Masdevallia, and Sarcochyllus (spelling?). Also conduct a demonstration on how to properly mount Orchids and care tips for taking care of them.

More information can be found on our Facebook page and I have also created a Facebook Event for it as well.

Outside OSGKC Resources

Maybe it's the time of year, maybe it's the occasions coming up but it seems there is significant thought about dividing some of our plants and getting some new starts. Auction is coming up in a mere 4 months. This summer there is thought of doing a division swap or sale. So, I thought it might be a good time to look at just how to do that. The Spruce has great information for ideas.



We thank the Spruce for sharing this article with our membership.

How to Propagate Orchids Four Different Ways

By [BARBARA GILLETTE](#) Published on 02/11/23

Reviewed by [KATHLEEN MILLER](#)

[Growing and propagating orchids](#) is not as difficult as we are sometimes led to believe. These [monocots](#), known for their exotic blooms and interesting growth habits, can be divided and grown from back bulbs similar to other [plants with rhizomes](#). They can also be grown from babies ([keikis](#)), and aerial roots. Orchids can also be propagated from seed or with tissue culture, but seed can take up to a decade or more to develop a viable plant and tissue culture is most successful in a laboratory setting.

At home, you'll have the best success with one of these four methods of orchid propagation: plant division, back bulbs, root division and keikis.

Propagation Methods for the Types of Orchids

The best way to increase your collection through propagation starts with knowing which of two growth types identifies your orchid.

Sympodial growth, which is the more common type, is similar to that of iris and other flowering plants that start out as bulbs and rhizomes. Sympodial orchids, such as [cattleyas](#) and [oncidiums](#), produce rhizomes that form pseudobulbs, which are thickened areas of stem that store food and water. Bloom spikes are generated from the tips, sides, or base of the most recent growth (the newest pseudobulbs). These orchids can be propagated by division and back bulbs.

Monopodial orchids like [phalaenopsis](#) and [vanda](#) grow taller each year from one central stem. Leaves alternate in two rows on opposite sides of the stem with flower spikes and aerial roots appearing either at the junction of leaf to stem or opposite a leaf. To propagate this plant, you can divide the aerial roots or remove and pot any keikis.

When to Propagate Orchids

No matter which method you decide to try, propagation should take place after the orchid has completed its bloom cycle but before you [repot](#) or refresh the [planting medium](#). The exception to this rule is if a keiki (baby) emerges on a flowering stem. In this case, the new growth can be removed and planted in its own pot.

A sign that your sympodial orchid is ready for division is when the plant outgrows its pot, especially when young pseudobulbs begin producing roots.

Before Getting Started

Orchids have distinct parts and growing habits different from many other flowering plants. Learning about the plant's structure can be very useful when attempting to propagate your orchid.¹

Orchids require a clean environment, which is important when you are working hands-on with the plant as you would when propagating, re-potting, or pruning. Clean and sterilize a flat surface to work on and do the same for all your tools.

Decide where you will keep your developing orchid. Different methods of propagation call for different settings for after-care. Make sure you can provide adequate conditions for the new orchid to grow.

Tip

Most orchids are tropical plants that thrive in warm temperatures and high humidity. Creating a moisture rich environment will increase your chances of success. Be patient, a newly propagated orchid can take time to reach maturity and flower.

What You'll Need

Equipment / Tools

Tools Needed For All Propagation Methods

- Small knife or razor blade
- Spray bottle

Materials

Sympodial Orchid Division or Aerial Root Division

- Pots
- Orchid potting medium
- Fungicide (optional)

Back Bulb Propagation

- 2 1/2 to 3 inch pots
- Orchid potting medium
- Fungicide (optional)

Propagate With Keikis

- Small pots
- Fine grade orchid potting mix
- Fungicide (optional)

Instructions

How to Divide a Sympodial Orchid

For the home gardener, dividing the plant is a method that can be accomplished fairly easily with sympodial orchids, such as cattleyas and oncidiums. Plant division can result in a viable orchid that may bloom as early as the following year.

Tip

For monopodial orchids like phalaenopsis, the best options for at-home propagation are dividing the aerial roots or removing and repotting keikis. You can find instructions for both of those processes below.

1. Remove the Sympodial Orchid From Its Pot

Turn the pot on its side and grasp the base of the plant. Ease it from the pot by pulling gently, taking care to avoid damaging pseudobulbs and roots.

Or you can run a small spade or knife around the inside circumference of the pot to loosen the potting medium. Then carefully lift the orchid from the pot and lay it on a clean surface.

2. Examine the Pseudobulbs and Roots

A large plant may look like a big tangle of rhizomes and roots once removed from its pot. Locate the primary rhizome at the base of the main stem. You may find one or more leads attached. These "leads" are rhizomes showing active growth and will have stems with developing leaves and pseudobulbs.

3. Remove Young Pseudobulbs

Leave three or four rhizomes attached to the main rhizome. Then moving down the leads, use a sharp, sterile cutting tool to remove groups of three or four that are actively growing. If roots are present, don't worry if you lose a few but try to preserve as many as you can.

When you arrive at a rhizome without roots or any sign of new growth, you are getting into the back bulbs. These are usually found near the outside of the pot, furthest from the main stem, with a sheath that appears papery and dry. Set these aside if you want to try propagating your orchid with these older rhizomes. You can also leave them attached to your division. As long as the pseudobulbs are green, they will continue to take up nutrients to support the division.

4. Sterilize Cut Surfaces (Optional)

Some growers recommend treating cut surfaces with hydrogen peroxide, cinnamon, or fungicides. While this step is optional, keep in mind that sterile surfaces can boost your chances of successful propagation.

5. Pot Up Your Division

Plant your division in orchid medium in a new pot just large enough to accommodate its size. Place the pot in indirect light and lightly spray the potting mix and stems daily but do not add water. Hold back on watering until you see a new leaf and withhold fertilizer until new roots appear. Then move the orchid to its permanent location and start a regular maintenance schedule for your orchid variety.

How to Propagate Sympodial Orchids From Back Bulbs

Propagation with back bulbs can take a long time and new growth may not appear for several years. As long as the back bulb (pseudobulb) remains green there is still a chance the dormant eyes may bud out to produce new leaves.

1. Locate and Identify Viable Back Bulbs

Back bulbs on a sympodial orchid are usually located toward the outside edges of the pot and do not have active leads (i.e., new growth). You won't see leaves and the sheath will appear dry and papery. To be viable, though, the pseudobulb should remain green and have one or two eyes. The eyes are dormant buds which can be encouraged to "wake up" and produce new pseudobulbs.

2. Cut a Notch In the Back Bulb Rhizome

Using a small, sterilized knife, or razor blade, cut a v-shaped notch in the rhizome that supports the back bulb, and leave the entire plant undisturbed in its pot until the eye (dormant bud) breaks and produces new leaves.

3. Remove the Sprouted Back Bulb

As soon as new growth appears on the back bulb, use a sterile cutting tool to separate it from the mother plant by severing the rhizome at the notch.

4. Pot the New Plant and Keep It Moist

Place the developing orchid in a small pot, just large enough to accommodate the rhizome. Spray the medium and any new leaves daily but withhold watering and fertilizer until roots form. Once this occurs, a regular maintenance schedule can be started.

Tip

You can also try propagating with inactive back bulbs from the mother plant. Using a sharp sterile cutting tool, separate the rhizome with its back bulb from the mother plant. Cut between the inactive rhizome and the one next to it. Position the back bulb on a layer of sphagnum moss at the bottom of a pot. Place the pot in a warm, humid location with indirect light and spray to keep the bulb and moss moist. As soon as an eye begins to develop, pot up the pseudobulb in its own small pot. Withhold water and fertilizer until new roots appear. Then place the new orchid in its permanent location and start a regular care routine for an established orchid.

How to Propagate Orchid Keikis

While keikis are more often found on monopodial orchids, particularly vandas, they can also develop on some sympodial types, such as [dendrobiums](#). [Propagation with keikis](#) is the same no matter the orchid type and can take from one to three years for the new plant to produce a bloom.

1. Look For New Growth on the Main Stem

Keikis are baby orchids that develop along the main stem of the plant above the planting medium. They often appear as a new flower spike that, instead of developing a bloom, will eventually (in 6 to 8 months) produce a new series of leaves and roots.

Tip

If a keiki develops along with a flowering spike from the same bud at the same time, this could be a sign the orchid is in distress. If this occurs, review growing conditions including watering and fertilizing schedules. Changing potting mixes can also distress your orchid.

2. Remove the Keiki

Once you see that new roots have developed, use a sharp, sterile cutting tool to remove the keiki. Cut the main stem above the junction of the keiki and below the longest root on the keiki. It's best to wait until the keiki has 3 to 4 roots, as removing a keiki too soon can result in failure of the baby plant to develop.

3. Treat Cut Surfaces (Optional)

Treating each cut surface is optional but highly recommended as this can prevent fungal disease and insect problems. Use a fungicide and apply it to both cut ends of the keiki and the cut on the mother plant where the keiki was removed.

4. Pot the Keiki

Place the keiki in a small pot with a fine orchid growing medium. Keep the medium moist but avoid overwatering. Warm temperatures, high humidity and indirect light will help the baby orchid develop. Locating the pot on a tray of moist pebbles in a southeast facing window is a good spot for your new orchid.

How to Propagate With Aerial Root Division

Aerial root division offers a good chance at success but also can take several years to produce an orchid mature enough to flower.

1. Remove the Orchid From Its Pot

Taking care not to damage the aerial roots, remove the orchid from its pot. You can gently grasp the plant at its base and turn the pot upside down shaking out loose potting medium. This will free up the roots and allow you to lift the orchid from the pot.

2. Locate Root Groups

The newest roots will appear highest up on the stem. Look for older roots that have clumped or formed a [corm-like ball](#).

3. Remove and Trim the Older Root Ball

Using a sharp, sterile cutting tool, remove the root ball from the main stem. Brush away any remaining potting mix. Then trim any small roots from the top of the corm-like structure.

4. Pot the Separated Root Section

Place the root section in a pot with the long roots directed down into the pot and fill in around them with orchid mix. Leave the top, cut surface of the root ball above the planting medium.

Tip

Some growers recommend soaking the roots in tepid water prior to potting. Or you can water thoroughly after planting, draining away any excess water.

5. Provide Light and Humidity

Place the pot on a tray of damp pebbles and position it to receive plenty of bright indirect light. Watch for new growth and keep the pot moist but avoid overwatering. Once the orchid is actively growing you can switch to a regularly scheduled care routine.

Let's Get to Know Each Other

OSGKC Members!

NOVEMBER



Eilene Myers

November 3rd

1. When did you join OSGKC, and how long have you been growing orchids? I joined after the orchid show around Halloween- it was so cool to be surrounded by other plant people! I'm pretty new to orchids, aside from the two phals that have been on my windowsill for a couple years.
2. What got you hooked on orchids? I visited Ecuagenera in Florida and was blown away by all the strange and beautiful orchids there. I had a large aroid collection already, and I love to learn about plants and their needs. Orchids are an exciting new challenge.
3. What type of orchid is your favorite? I'm a sucker for a dark purple flower and a fragrant bloom!
4. Where and how are you growing orchids? (please include a photo of yourself and of your setup!) I have a couple of indoor greenhouses and glass display cabinets for my aroids. The orchids that I own are all in ambient humidity, in east-facing windows.
5. What was/is your profession or training, and are you still working your job or retired? I have a BA in English from UMKC and an MFA in creative writing from Queens university of Charlotte. I taught reading and composition at MCC for a while, but now I manage a local fine dining restaurant. I love the hospitality industry and I'm working toward sommelier credentials.
6. Complete this statement: "One surprising fact about me is..." I grew up in a log cabin that my parents built themselves, as in felled the trees and sawed the logs.
7. Do you have any pets? Two cats, a tortoiseshell named Chompers and a Maine Coon named Mayfly.
8. What is your birth date (Month and Day)? November 3rd -Scorpio!



Iva & Frank Stribling
Birthday November 4th

Before going to a OSGKC Auction I had 2 orchids. I join OSGKC at the Auction and bought 5 plants for myself and one for a friend. When Vi-Cli sold her mature orchids for \$5 each shortly after the auction I bought 20 and some supplies. My membership is over ten years.

Phalaenopsis orchids are my favorite both the Mini & the full-size ones. I grow my orchids and many other plants in my basement Greenhouse. I will try any other kind of orchid at least twice.

I am retired from doing Tax Returns and now have plenty of time to do my favorite thing, which is to propagate all kinds of plants! Playing with my plants is always a pleasure.

Pets add joy to my life. Our dog (Lizzy), two toads (Claude & Maria), 4 goldfish, and worms to feed the toads. My birthday is November 4th, our sons learned at an early age Mom only wants plants with roots on them for gifts.

One surprising thing about me is I am good at fixing items, it seems I have a mechanical ability.





Crystal Remington

Birthday November 9th

1. How long have you been in OSGKC (When did you join the OSGKC?): November 2019
2. How long have you been growing orchids? I didn't start to get serious until joining the society, but my first phalaenopsis was in 2013 a gift from my husband.
3. What got you hooked? Attending one of the Auctions!
4. What type of orchid is your favorite? Dendrobiums
5. Where and how are you growing orchids? (include pictures if you can) Mostly along my windowsills, but I recently created a growing space in my basement under lights.
6. What was/is your profession or training - are you still working or retired? Optometrist
7. Complete this statement: "One surprising fact about me is..." I invented and hold a patent on a contact lens.
8. Birth Month and Day" November 9th
9. Do you have any pets? Yes – Miss Morris orange cat, Rizzo black cat and Rye rescue dog.





Jean Rogers

Birthday November 10th



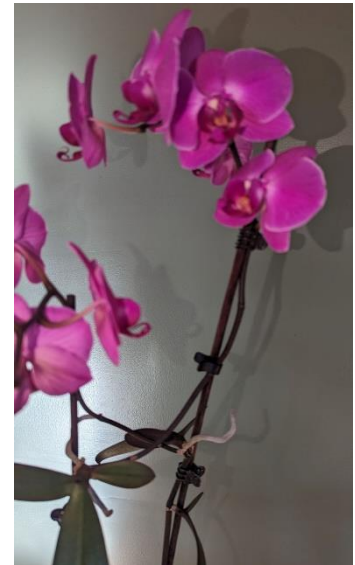
I Joined OSGKC in fall of 2015 after moving here from Omaha Nebraska where I was a Home Ec/Culinary teacher. I retired that year and moved here to be near my daughter and her family including 3 grandchildren - a baby, 2 year old, and 4 year old. I grew up on a farm in Iowa. My family always had 2 big gardens and lots of flower beds. Fortunately, I grew up loving the outdoors and gardening rather than hating it. So, when I moved here my daughter urged me to apply to the K-State Master Gardening program. I did that and was accepted. On the first day of class, we all had to introduce another member. It was through those introductions that I learned of Cindy Hobbs, President of OSGKC at that time. WELL!!! I had a few orchids I had accumulated over the previous 15 years and that really caught my attention. I was determined to meet her, and that I did at lunch. She invited me to an orchid meeting; I went. Almost immediately she had me on the Membership Committee with her. Then I added the position of Vice President in 2018 and President in 2020.

Those ORCHIDS!!! They had me hooked 20 years ago with their beauty, but I really didn't know a thing about growing them. It is amazing that I still have one of my 1st orchids - Den. Woon Lang. I still love it and it has won an AOS award for me. I still LOVE Dendrobiums but now, I guess I love Cattleyas. And oh, I can't forget that I now have a new love for Paphs. and Phrags. Oh, and then there are Tolumnias and Barkerias that are SOOOOO sweet!! And Phals., oh, the Novelty ones are so precious and long lasting. I love Maxilarias with their coconut aroma (I just can't get them to bloom or Epidendrums!!!) My daughter said early on after I moved here, "Mom, you're not going to be a CAT lady in your old age, you're going to be a PLANT lady, and that I guess I am. When we bought our home here, I immediately hired a remodeler, and had a grow room built out into the back yard. That is where I spend most of my time. I've even moved my computer so I can sit amongst my orchids. My cat is Smokie, a feral who came with our Pleasanton farm.

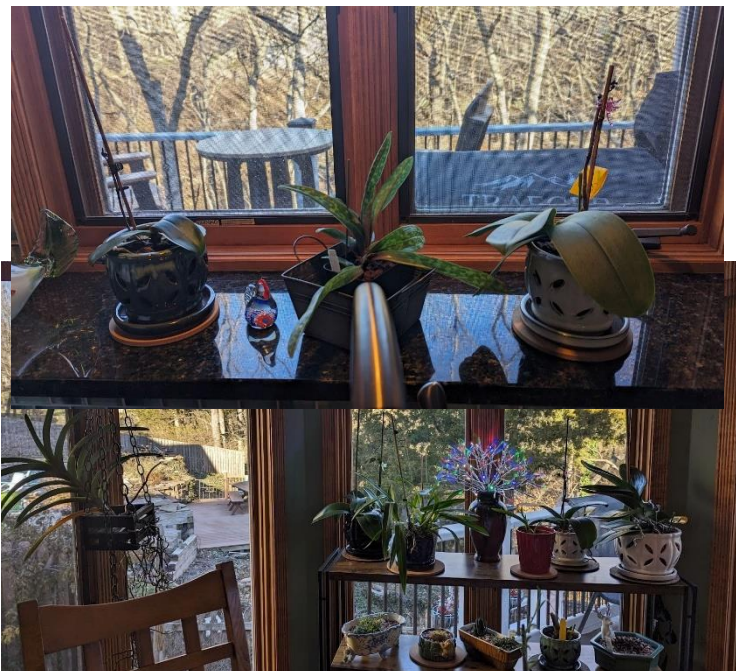




*Bart and Linda
Walhlgren*
Birthday November 19th.



1. I joined OSGKC in September of 2023.
2. Around 6 years.
3. We had a couple phalaenopsis orchids that had been given as gifts. The flowers had long gone, while watering them along with the rest of our plants I noticed that there was a lot of stagnant water in the bottom of the dual level pots. I started paying closer attention to how often they were watered and the growing medium that they were in. Eventually they rebloomed, I'd heard that orchids are fussy when it comes to reblooming so when I had two it got me excited. Since then I have had five or six phalaenopsis rebloom nearly every winter. I've purchased other varieties but have only had one cattleya rebloom for me so far. It's a feeling of accomplishment when any of the varieties bloom. Additionally it's usually all grey outside when the flowers come on so it brings additional color into the house.
4. I haven't really landed on a favorite.
5. The back of our house has a lot of east facing windows, I have them strategically placed around those windows. I've attached a few pictures.
6. I worked in the computer - information technology field, retired in December of 2021.
7. One of my other hobbies is brewing beer.
8. November 19th.
9. No pets.





Richard Warren

November 24th

Richard Warren joined in a family membership with Jean Rogers the year he retired which was in 2019. He doesn't partake in the growing of orchids. He helps carry them outside in the spring and carry them in in the fall. Sometimes he waters them when they are outside. And he tells me they are pretty when I carry in a newly opened flower.

He was in the gas/oil business most of his career. Prior to retirement, he was President/General Manager of the power plant on the island of Roatan, Honduras for 11 years. In retirement he manicures the yard and takes care of snow removal etc. he dearly loves his dog Buddy, a Dachshund.

Ron Schorr

Birthdate - 11/29

1. When did you join OSGKC, and how long have you been growing orchids?

Early 2000's

2. What got you hooked on orchids?

Their beauty

3. What type of orchid is your favorite?

Dendrobium

4. Where and how are you growing orchids? (please include a photo of yourself and of your setup!)

Not active right now

5. What was/is your profession or training, and are you still working your job or retired?

Mechanical technology, retired

6. Complete this statement: "One surprising fact about me is..."

Part time horologist

7. Do you have any pets?

2 cats



RaeAnn Meyer

Birthday November 25th

I have been growing phals for many years and over the years just started collecting the orchids I like. I joined the OSGKC after my two daughters Crystal and Cindy brought me to a meeting. I grow mainly indoors under lights and in windows. I am a paramedic. My favorite Orchids are cymbidiums.





Jim Pyrzynski

Birthday November 27th

My first encounter with orchids was way back in high school in the 1950s. We had moved to the Chicago suburbs and there was a nursery about a mile away. In the greenhouse there were some orchids, some Cattleyas and some Epidendrums. I was fascinated by them. I also learned via some library books that there were orchids in woods and wetlands in the area. Eventually I found various lady's slippers and other orchids.

But other things got in the way, like military service – which took me to the Omaha area. It seemed like an orchid desert, but eventually I found some Showy Orchis (*Galearis spectabilis*) in a nearby preserve. But there were no opportunities for growing orchids under my living situation. I got a civilian job at the base but lived in an apartment. I also pursued my college education at night and lived in an apartment – more limitations. It wasn't until I moved to a house in the late 70s, that I figured I could get my hands dirty in a garden and also with orchids. A cousin of mine, who had become an authority on native orchids, sent me a copy of an AOS Bulletin which contained an article that he had written. Finally, I became aware of a whole world of orchids out there. In those days, when you got the monthly Bulletin, the first thing you did was to go to the ads in the back half of the magazine and pore over the various offerings. It was the start of orchid mania. I was a computer systems analyst for the Air Force, but I am retired now. And with retirement, taking care of my orchids and my canine companion, Hank, fills most of my days.

My favorite types of orchids are – species, particularly slipper orchids, cattleya alliance, some terrestrials – in fact, the weirder the more I am interested in them. I avoid cool growers because I can't provide the proper environment. But if I could Masdevallias and Draculas would be everywhere.

I grow under lights. I have a variety of different lighting situations. I had some HID lights but ran into a problem recently with the ballast so I switched to LED fixtures of various types. I also have fluorescent fixtures – some are T10, some T5. And I have an induction light. In the summer months, many of the plants go outside. I keep them in a converted dog kennel that is 6 foot high, 6 foot wide and about 18 feet long. There is netting and shade cloth wrapped around much of it to protect it from squirrels and birds, and to tame the Nebraska winds. I also grow some plants in my garage during the winter months. I keep some Bletillas and Cypripediums in there to give them a dormant period. I also grow some European terrestrials under lights in the garage during the winter months (they go dormant for the summer).

I've been a member of OSGKC for a few years. I joined when I visited a show at Loose Park and set up a display for the Greater Omaha Orchid Society. I've been a member of GOOS since the late 1980s. My birthday is November 27.

One surprising fact about me is when I retired, I returned to school. I took a large number of photography courses at a community college. And after a bit of a break, I decided to take some other courses – in horticulture. I still look at the offerings and may take something else (I did try my hand at an artisan bread course too).

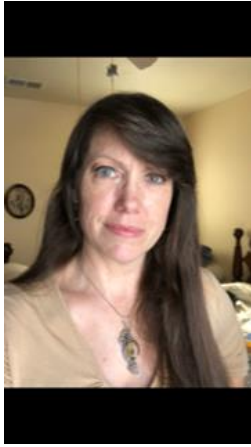
DECEMBER



Cindy Hobbs
Birthday December 1st



1. 2000
2. 21 years
3. Joy & Mark Prout shared their blooming plants and took me to Family Tree open house
4. All varieties of Cattleya
5. Outside in summer under trees and I am in the second year of learning how to grow and bloom orchids inside a grow tent under LED light panels. This “science experiment” is teaching me lots and so far I can say the orchid roots are much happier and the plants are beginning to thrive instead of just surviving over the winter inside..
6. I retired in 2015 after a 40-year career in IT
7. I grew up in Hutchinson, Kansas. I have a deep love of traveling to different countries, learning about their culture and especially interesting gardening techniques. My most recent trip to SE Asia was filled with natives happily growing wild, which brought home the reasons we struggle to keep them thriving in our Midwest climate
8. December 1
9. Not any more – love dogs.



Heidi Stoker



Birthday December 5th

My name is Heidi Stoker and I joined OSGKC three years ago when my daughter and I attended an Orchid show and stopped at an information table and talked with a very nice woman named Joy.

I received my first Orchid about four years ago as a gift. It was labeled an "ice cube" Orchid. I have been growing African Violets for more than 30 years and always use room temperature water for them so could not believe I should put ice cubes on my new Orchid so I did some research on the proper care and sure enough ice cube watering is not recommended! I have been slowly adding to my Orchid collection and grow them with my other house plants in my dining room which has large south and west windows.

I started my career as a Veterinary Technician in 1986. In 2006 I picked up a dog and ruptured a disc that required surgery to repair. The plan was surgery in the morning and home by evening with a few weeks of rest and back to work. When I woke up after the surgery my entire left leg was paralyzed. Needless to say I did not go home that day. I was in the hospital for more than a month adjusting to my new and painful life that I am still dealing with. I have undergone 8 major spinal surgeries, countless procedures, multiple implants, and years of physical therapy. One of my mental therapies is caring for my plants. Another type of therapy is stone cutting and metalsmith jewelry making.

We live on a small 80 acre farm where we grow hay and crops, raise chickens and Guineas and pasture sheep for the neighbor during the summer months. We have two dogs and three cats





Jeff Dazey

Birthdate December 16th

- (1) Been growing Orchids at homes since 2007. Joined OSGKC around 5 years ago.
- (2) Visiting Bird's Botanicals Orchid cave in Kansas City!
- (3) Still consider myself a newbie, but I love phalaenopsis.
- (4) Just growing in a window sill, but the Orchids have lived through several moves and appear to be doing well.
- (5) I am a full time public defender for the State of Kansas.
- (6) One surprising fact about me is I am one of a handful of attorneys in the State of Kansas qualified by training and experience to defend people from being sentenced to death for capital murder.
- (7) I have a pet turtle (red eared slider) and a pet tortoise (a western hermanns)!
- (8) Birthdate is December 16.



Annie Heath

Birthday December 18th

Hi my name is Annie Heath. This is me with my 7month baby girl.

I joined OSGKC IN 2019 I think. I've been growing orchids for at least 5 years. My mom got me hooked. She always has had a green thumb and the orchids were always so pretty. My favorite type of orchid would have to be the Lady Slipper. I have my plants in my dining room in the SW end of the house. They seem to like it there, at least the phals do. I've gotten several reblooms this past year. I no longer work due to covid and recently having a baby. So my new job is to be a full time mom! One surprising fact about me is that I'm kind of a nerd. About random subjects. Lol I was born Dec 18. Exactly a week before Christmas! We have several pets. A bit of a suburban farm; chickens, a goose, two cats, a new puppy, a rat, a corn snake, and 4 fish. A regular petting zoo!

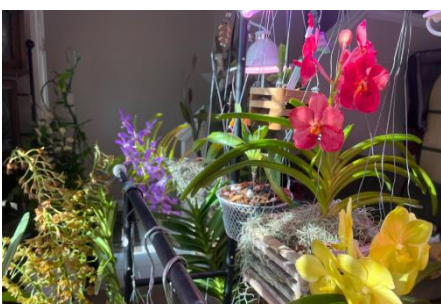
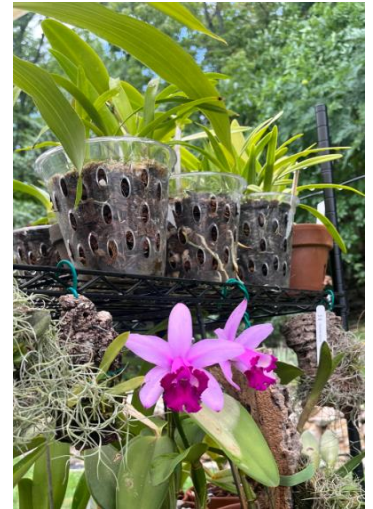
Hope everyone has a great new year and may all your plants bloom!



Justin Jenkins
Birthday is December 18th



1. I joined the society in spring of 2023
2. I have been growing orchids since march of 2021, with my first complex phalaenopsis hybrid
3. What got me hooked - the scents, the variety in colors, and the locations in which they originate.
4. My favorite - Cattleya/Laelia species - rupicolous laelia has been my current obsession.
5. I grow them in dollar tree baskets, wooden baskets, pots, and some mounts. I use LED lights and windowsills, eventually spending the summer outdoors (now that's a *living room*)
6. Currently, I work as a care taker for mentally disabled people in the KC area.
7. "One surprising fact about me is..." - I'm 23 lol
8. My birthday is December 18th
9. I have two cats, two dogs, and two jumping spiders.





Susan Olsen

December 30th

I joined OSGKC in October 2022 after I attended the orchid show you hosted. I love growing plants, and after moving to Kansas 18 months ago (I spent my whole life in California), I needed to reinvent myself and develop more hobbies. My husband had a client who owned a large nursery of exotic plants. and traveled the world collecting orchids. I thought that sounded fun--so here I am. (I am not a world traveler, but I have become a collector.) I am having so much fun. I am an empty nester this year, and the orchids give me something to nurture. I really like my Zygo with it's pseudo bulb. I am encouraging it to bloom again. I grow my orchids in my eastern-facing sun room. I used to be a special education teacher. One surprising fact about me is that I have 7 children. Our pets include a salt water fish tank, a Koi pond (fish included), a 15 year old yellow lab, and two German Shepherds--one of which enjoys "singing" to tempo when my sons play the piano.



Mike and Usha Rafferty were delighted to learn about OSGKC a couple of months ago and signed up right away. We've been growing a small collection of orchids (perhaps if you could ask the plants they might call it more like "punishing"). And despite our best efforts, most have survived and a few even paid us back with an occasional bloom. The one sure thing that we know about orchids and orchid growing is that we have so much to learn and are delighted and honored to be in the company of people who can teach us so much.

We have lived in the Cedar Creek community in Olathe for 16 years. Mike is a retired pharmaceutical research chemist and Usha is a regulatory affairs specialist. Our careers took us to multiple places in eastern US, but we met here in Kansas City and had always considered this area our true home. Usha continues her work to develop novel cancer therapeutics, and Mike devotes quite a bit of time volunteering through the K-State Extension Master Naturalist program to help preserve and expand the natural areas around us. Other interests that we share are travel, theatre, art, and food. Our daughter Jena (pictured below) lives in the Detroit area



January



Beth and Doug Martin

Joined January 1998

We joined OSGKC in January 1998, a few months after moving to Kansas City from St. Louis. Beth served as President 2010-11 and as shows and exhibits chair 1999-2020. She also started the beginners group in 1999 and led it for 5 years. Doug served as President 2004-05 and also served as program chair 2000-04, donations chair, conservation chair and Mid-America Orchid Congress representative. We've co-chaired two MAOC shows hosted by OSGKC, in 2007 and 2018. We're both Accredited AOS Judges and past presidents of MAOC.

We started growing orchids in 1991. Beth bought Doug his first orchid, a Phalaenopsis, for Valentines Day at the St. Louis orchid society show, and he immediately bought two more! We grow orchids in a light room in our basement, and also outdoors. Doug's current passion is Mediterranean terrestrials and he loves Cypripediums, and Beth likes mini-Catts and Phals. Beth is a retired lawyer and Doug is a retired chemistry professor. We both love traveling to see orchids in their natural habitats, and we've seen them in 46 US states and 11 other countries. We live with our three cats Cleo, Domino and Noche.

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!



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Ron McHatton

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**Paphiopedilum
rothschildianum
'Big Papa' AM/AOS**

Photographer:
Wes Newton

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Carol Klonowski

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

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What is a Multifloral Paph? Yes, it has more than one flower, but what makes these different? What are the rules for growing and showing these wonderful plants? Join Carol Klonowski as she takes us on a tour of the various species and hybrids and what influences the breeding.

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**Phalaenopsis
Fuller's D-Plus
'FL 89135'
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Photographer:
Jea Shang

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David Edgley

Wednesday, February 7th, 2024

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Cheryl Erins et al

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024
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Jean Allen-Ikeson
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Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater Street, Merriam, KS
*Speaker: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, "Becoming an 80%
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Sunday, February 11, 2024

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*Speaker: Doug Martin, OSGKC Member, "The Birds, the Bees and the
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TBA

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Auction

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