

OSGKC Beginners Group and Round Table 5/16/21

1:00 Beginners Group: Tips for Happy Orchids, led by Iva Stribling (11 members in attendance)

- Adequate drainage (never let them sit in water)
- Good Clean Pots
 - Clay pots dry out more quickly
 - Plastic pots retain more moisture
 - Transparent (clear) pots allow you to monitor roots
 - Run the pots through the dishwasher (regular cycle and air dry) before planting
 - Plastic or clay pots can be displayed in ceramic/glazed pots to help with stability! Never pot them directly into the fancy pots.
 - Pot socks can be used to decorate
- Planting Media determines frequency of watering (small pots need more water)
 - Always use new media
 - Types
 - Fir bark, most common, quick draining
 - Sphagnum moss, holds water well
 - New Zealand moss is the best!
 - Coconut Coir (Grow-It) Buy online.
 - Do not buy Coconut mulch! (too many additives)
 - Peat Moss
 - Clay balls are semi-hydro and work best when wicked
 - Lava Rock and Rock wool
 - Additives
 - Perlite
 - Charcoal
 - Sponge rock
 - Sphagnum moss
- Iva's Coir Mixture
 - 1 Entire Brick of Coco Coir (wet well and divide into two bins)
 - 1 gallon Coarse perlite per bin
 - 1 gallon Charcoal per bin
- Questions: Beautiful tour of Iva's growing space
- Including Carnivores: Butterworts, Venus fly traps, pitcher plants and Sundoes
 - Be sure to give them pure water
 - Ants are drawn to the plants
 - High humidity

1:30 Care and Culture Roundtable led by Susie Hanna (13 members in attendance)

Essentials

- Physan 20: Algeacide, fungicide, bactericide and virucide use 1 tsp per gallon of water can be used as a spray
- Mega Thrive: plant food, growth stimulator (not a fertilizer)
- Neem Oil: good for spider mites

OSGKC Meeting 5/16/21

2:09 Meeting called to order by Jean Rogers: 20 people in attendance. Motion to approve minutes on the website by Kristy Charland, seconded by Mark Prout

2:12 Treasurer's report month ending 4/2021 by Joy Prout: \$24,033.

- Income \$852.85
- Expenses \$1076.61
- Current Balance \$23,810.03

2:03 Committee Reports:

1) Beginner's Group and RoundTable

- Iva Stribling – Beginner's Group discussed Pots and Media
- Susie Hanna covered Essentials, Phyan 20, Mega Thrive and Neem oil

2) Conservation – Robyn Byer: Submitted application to local conservation society

3) Judging/Newsletter – Mark Prout as our local judge. Points accumulate with Awards and Certificates in December

- April's Winners:
 - Cattleyas -- Dr. Dan Scholzman with Jfk. Appleblossom
 - Dendrobiums -- Megan Mayo with Dendrobium monilforme
 - Oncidiums -- Donna Klehm with Oncidium NOID,
 - Phalaenopsis -- Pei Kuan with Phalaenopsis NOID #2
 - Paphiopedilums -- Jen Winter for Paph. Maudiae x Hsinying Cyber Leopard,
 - Species -- Brian Donovan for Aerangis fastuosa
 - Miscellaneous -- Jen Winter for Zygopetelum Debbie De Mello
 - Orchid of the Month – Dr. Dan for Jkf. Appleblossom
 - Members Choice – Brian Bonovan for Aerangis fastuosa
- Linda Tamblin is helping with judging in the Newsletter and creating the ribbons.

4) Project Plant - Kristy Charland: Please submit pictures of new blooms to Facebook!

5) Membership Bios - Cindy Meyer: To view: Go to your: Gmail Account → Google Docs

- 2 documents have been shared to all members:
 - Bios: Can be edited as needed by individual members
 - Member Pamphlets includes photos of each member

6) Membership - Anna Archibald: 18 new members were added this past year, with 8 in March and April. OSGKC has 90 Members, which is an All-time Membership Record!!

7) Upcoming Meeting Agendas - Susie Hanna: Dr. Kristen Uthos Part 2 Miniatures Today. June: Jim and Ivan France Growing without a greenhouse. July: Growers Tour. August: Antioch Park Picnic!

8) Yearbook: Submitted to the printer and should be mailed this month

9) Auction: The April Auction included a more unusual variety of orchids with \$1050.05 profit

2:33 Old Business- none

2:34 New Business- none

2:35 New World Orchids Kristin Uthus - "Growing Miniature Orchids, Part 2"

3:36 Questions

3:48 Meeting Adjourned