

# OSGKC Beginners Group and Round Table 6/13/2021

## **Beginners Group (Repotting Orchids)– Iva Stribling 1:00**

Iva along with her helper Megan entertained and showed us all the tips and tricks to repotting orchids

### **\*Basic Tips**

Group the orchids you will repot and all necessary supplies

( cinnamon, snippers, alcohol wipes, hydrogen peroxide)

The fresh potting media should be damp

If you have pots with holes that are large you can use a coffee filter or some sphagnum moss to hold in the media

Always KEEP the TAGs

Hydroponics use a wick it's better than the cups with holes

### **\*Repotting**

Gently remove the plant from the pot if it is really tight you can soak and gently smash the pot to get it out

Always check for bugs and rotten roots, snip cut and put cinnamon on open cuts and hydrogen peroxide on rotten roots.

Its ok to remove and cut off bad pseudobulbs

Get rid of all the extra paper and clean up any areas pests will hide

Spin the plant in the new pot to help tuck in the roots

Pack it Tight and make sure the plant is secure

You can use the old steak, but clip off the end and clean it well.

### **\*Repotting a Keiki**

Cut some of the mother plants stem, so you don't damage the keikis roots trying to snap it

Keikis have aerial roots they need to stay moist, so make sure not to let the freshly potted keiki dry out.

### **\*Dividing**

Make sure there is new growth on each side of where you plan to split the plant

Cut and repot!

## Care and Culture Roundtable – Cindy Hobbs & Susie Hanna 1:30

Phal Keikis are much touchier than Dendrobium Keikis.

You must keep roots moist to help you can wrap the keikis roots in sphagnum moss

Use a very small pot, and plant the keiki in sphagnum moss.

Leave on the mother plant until keikis roots are at least 2 inches

You can cut off about an inch of the stem of the mother plant the keiki is growing from

### Taking your kids outside to play..

Cindy Recommends this fabulous book! Understanding Orchids by William Cullina

**Why?** Take your orchids outside in the summer?

most orchids need a temperature change to bloom

Fresh air, light and morning dew really sparks the orchids happiness

surviving vs thriving

Better photosynthesis

the rain water really helps wash out the minerals

**When?**

Is the temperature right? Pay attention to the night lows early in the Spring

Dry and cool is ok Wet and cool is a No No

**Where?**

75% blockage of sunlight, it should be dappled light. Cats do well in an area of full sun for 1-2 hours otherwise the brightest dappled areas

Transitioning? watch your light power inside to the light power outside. **Slowly** move to more light.

**Tips:**

Keep your plants off the ground that helps with the bugs

Watch your watering with the weather. Is it really hot and dry? Water more

Hot and dry augment and mist them to help with humidity

Time release pelletized fertilizer gives them just a little boost

Cindy Uses: Fertilome Garden.Cote6 NPK + Micros. 12-12-12 Time Released, 6-month continuous feeding, 6 essential micronutrients. I found it at Planters Seed at River Market

Granular systemic insecticide use it before you move the plants back in in the fall

Sluggo for slugs

Group plants that need similar care

## OSGKC Meeting Minutes 6/13/2021

### 2:00 (21 members in Attendance)

Welcome to Everyone

**Minutes** have been posted on our website. Can I have a motion to approve them? Cindy Hobbs has motioned, is there a 2<sup>nd</sup>? Kristy Charland seconds There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes. Is there any discussion? Since there is no discussion, let's go to the vote. All in favor please raise your hand. All opposed, please raise your hand. Minutes are approved.

Joy, please give the

### Treasurer's report.

May

Took in \$1,443.46

Expenses \$313.30

Ending Balance \$24,940.19

### Committee Reports:

2:05 **Budget** – Need to Check in with the Lenexa Senior center about our contract for the rest of the year

### 2:06 Judging/Newsletter

**Judging** – Total of 43 in for judging last month and 63 total in the newsletter. Great place to start for your wish list!!

### Projects -

**Kristy Charland** – Get more active on FB for a signs of life in your project plant

**Cindy Meyer** – Most of the active members have done their bios, hoping to get more before the August picnic

2:10 **Membership** – No new members

### 2:12 Mid-America Reporter & Programs –

Susie will you tell us what's coming up over the next few months?

“July 11th Orchid growers tour!!!Ariel Paulson, Karen Shorno (karls ipad), Jen Winters. August 15 Antioch Park picnic, September Edgar Stele - Epidendrums & Encyclias. Nobody is scheduled for October or November.”

**Yearbook** – I've not talked to Joann Curtain in awhile, but I am sure this will be the most current, thorough, and accurate yearbook we've had!

### 2:13 New Business

Future Meetings? - modality, Board thoughts? Sending out a monkey survey for input.

Discussion of membership

Ribbon purchases could go over budget Susie says just do it. We might also have to go through a different company for ribbons.

**This concludes our business meeting**

**2:34 Susie would you please introduce our Speaker.**

Jim & Yvonne France, Oakwood Orchids, "Growing Orchids Without a Greenhouse"