

OSGKC Meeting Summary

8/15/2021

On a beautiful Sunday in August; 21 members plus spouses and guests reunited for the first time in over a year to enjoy an afternoon of delicious food, spectacular flowers, and warm chit chat.

In the Care and Culture round table Cindy Hobbs shared her knowledge on the importance of soaking the roots of the plant you are repotting. The soaking reveals which roots are healthy and which need to be snipped; healthy roots should be a silvery green. A few other tips: orchids grow linearly (remember that when repotting), scale is a nasty hard shelled pest to keep an eye out for, build up of minerals can sometimes make you think fungus, and learning to read and understand pseudo bulbs is essential.

Speaking of orchid care and repotting; our lovely president (Jean Rogers) volunteered her Hauserman Holiday for an orchid splitting and repotting demonstration. Fellow members and Jean anxiously watched two long time members Mark Prout and Tom Reagor rip the ginormous plant into pieces in a tug of war.

Many books and magazines were offered to members who chose to take them, including our newest yearbook (If you didn't get yours they will be available out again in October)! Iva Stribling brought us all a door prize of a home raised carnivorous butterwort (*Pinguicula*). Some very lucky members also went home with new orchids won in the raffle!

Being together to celebrate all of our passions for orchids was truly refreshing, and there is no doubt we are all looking forward to our next picnic at Antioch park in October!









