



Photo by Ed Merkle

### April Program: Compact to Miniature Orchids

#### Barry Jones to speak at OSMT Meeting Tuesday, April 16

Barry Jones will be presenting Compact to Miniature Orchids at our next meeting. He has been growing orchids for 30 years--many species of dendrobiums, bulbophyllums and just plain weird orchids. He has been an AOS judge for more than ten years and been selling plants for twenty five years. As an AOS judge out of the Cincinnati Judging Center, he and Tom have been active around the judging circuit and have built a friendship over the years. Barry will be bringing a diverse plant selection.

Refreshments at 6:30, Program at 7 pm.

**Cheekwood** is located at 1200 Forrest Park Drive, Nashville, TN 37205.

Before the meeting, members may meet to eat at the Sportsman grill with Barry. Contact Jan for more info at [jan161@comcast.net](mailto:jan161@comcast.net).



*Tolumnia Golden Sunset 'Waiomao' x  
Tol Elfin Gem 'Kultana'*



#### OSMT Vice President Position is Open and Needs a Volunteer

Phillip who volunteered to be the VP is leaving in May to head up a Lab in Maryland. So a volunteer is needed. Remember, Jan did not have any experience when she took the position.

If you can search the net, e-mail and talk to some wonderful people, you can do the job. However we are looking for not just anyone, but a very special and brave volunteer ☺

Find out more about our orchid community on [tnorchid.org](http://tnorchid.org).

*Left – March society member plant table: Dendrobium farmeri species*

### Future OSMT Programs and Events

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| <b>May 4</b>   | <b>Annual Picnic</b> will be May 4th at Ed Merkle's House.<br>Time: 3-6 pm<br>There will be an auction so bring plants and a dish. |
| <b>June 18</b> | <b>Fred Clarke</b> , Sunset Valley Orchids – Topic TBA   |
| <b>July 16</b> | <b>Leo Schordje</b> , Ever Blooming Orchid Collection  |

**Have you renewed your membership?**

***\$25.00 Dues can be given to Treasurer Angela Dycus. Thank you!***



*Zygopdelum Jumping Jack  
'Kalapana' HCC/AOS*



*Fred Clarke has spotted Cats!*

*Get Ready for June Meeting  
Sunset Valley Orchids*

*Preorder orchids through  
Fred's web site for 10%  
discount if you mention our  
OSMT meeting - June 18  
[sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com)*

## Orchid Calendar

**April 19** Mid-America Orchid Congress 2013 Spring Meeting at Kensington Court in Ann Arbor, MI

**May 17-19** Memphis Orchid Society Show and Sale "Orchids Around the World." Memphis, TN

**June 18** OSMT Meeting - Fred Clarke with Sunset Valley Orchids. Jan first heard Fred at a Mid America meeting in Kentucky and he had so much information and insight on breeding "better" orchids. One of Jan's favorite orchids is a hybrid he created.

## \* refreshment list

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**April**  
**May**  
**June**  
**July**  
**August**  
**September**  
**October**  
**November**  
**December**

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Jan Lawrence  
**Picnic Pot Luck**  
Jeanne Kahan  
JoAnn Heinrich  
Candace Tillquist  
Byron Dumas  
Paul Morgan  
**Business Mtg Party**

## March Meeting Table



John Stinson of the Bromeliad Society of Middle Tennessee decided to jump into making wine and has decided to sell his greenhouse. Contact him at 615-504-6448 or email [jstinson \[at\] mindspring.com](mailto:jstinson[at]mindspring.com).

He's asking \$2,000.00 based on the fact that a very similar greenhouse, one that was considerably older than his greenhouse recently sold for that amount.

Here's a description of what's included:

- 24' x 48' Crop King Frame
- 2 - 3' x 5' motorized intake vents
- 2 - 36" slant wall fans with vents
- 2 - circulation fans
- Kwik-clip poly holder on side and end walls
- 175 K [BTU?] propane heater

All benches and pots: some are wire mesh benches, some are old redwood lath benches, and some are steel and block like Lowes uses. 60% shade cloth that covers the entire greenhouse.

### OSMT July 16 - Ever Blooming Orchid Collection

Leo Schordje will be presenting Ever Blooming Orchid Collection in July. This talk will discuss a few strategies for building an orchid collection that always has something in bloom, with a minimal number of plants.

The focus will be on selecting orchids with one or more of the traits that qualify the orchid as ever blooming. Some of these traits are extremely long-lived flowers, a frequent bloom habit, or long-lived inflorescences with a sequential bloom habit. The orchids Leo will highlight include species and hybrids for a range of temperature and light, from warm growing, to cool growing, orchids for the sunny south windowsill and some ideal for the shade of the northeast exposure and under light growing. Tips on good culture, and on the benefits of growing plants to be show specimens will be provided.

His web site, [schordje.com](http://schordje.com) will be updated by June and we can preorder plants for the July OSMT Meeting.