

OSMT Newsletter



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OSMT Meeting, Tuesday, October 20, 2015 “The Orchids of Japan” presented by Dr. Krisen Uthus

Presentation: 7:00 pm (*Plant Sales & Refreshments: 6:30 pm*)

Location: [Cheekwood Botanical Gardens](#) 200 Forrest Park Drive, Nashville, TN

The Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee will welcome Dr. Krisen Uthus from [New World Orchids](#) who will give a talk on “The Orchids of Japan.” Japanese orchids are not typical in the orchid world. Dr. Kristen Uthus will speak about what makes Japanese orchids stand out in a crowd and what may make *Neofinetia falcata* the perfect houseplant.



Dr. Kristen Uthus studied both plant and animal ecology and evolution at Virginia Commonwealth University and The Ohio State University. She has taught biology and ecology at several colleges including the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. Kristen has been growing orchids for over 20 years, but recently fulfilled a lifelong dream to make orchids a full-time commitment by purchasing New World Orchids from Dr. Glenn Lehr.

Although she enjoys growing many varieties of orchids and other plants, New World Orchids specializes in Japanese species including *Neofinetia falcata*, *Dendrobium moniliforme*, and *Sederia japonica* as well as Asian *Cymbidium* species. Kristen is supported in these pursuits by her husband, Dr. Kevin Wehrly, her two sons, Henry and Gus, and a veritable menagerie of loving animals. *More about New World orchids on the next page.*

We Need Your Help

Looking for ways to get more involved and support the OSMT? After a very strong year with a lot of new members, the OSMT is looking for volunteers who can serve as leadership officers. Coming up for the year 2016 the OSMT is looking to fill the positions of President and Vice-President. **If you are interested in volunteering as an officer, please email any of the current officers. Visit <http://tnorchid.org/about-osmt/officers/>**

OSMT Programs and Events

November 17th: Annual Business meeting *Location TBA

December 5th: Annual Holiday Party

All Meetings are held at the Cheekwood Botanical Gardens with the exception of the May Picnic, November business meeting, and December Holiday Party.

New World Orchids

New World Orchids was founded by Dr. Glenn Lehr and his wife, Maria, over 20 years ago. Located in Manchester, MI, NWO specializes in Japanese orchids, especially *Neofinetia (Vanda) falcata*, *Dendrobium moniliforme*, *Sederia (Phalanopsis) japonica*, and Asian *Cymbidiums*.

Glenn was recently joined by Dr. Kristen Uthus who has purchased the business and is working to maintain NWO's reputation for excellent plants as well as knowledgeable and personalized service.

For more information, visit the website (www.newworldorchids.com) or the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/newworldorchids).

Dr. Uthus will have plants for sale. Please visit to view plants for sale. Members may pre-order plants by emailing Dr. Uthus directly at kristen@newworldorchids.com

OSMT Member Orchids of the month:

Special thanks to Jeanne Kahan for providing this month's Member's Orchids of the month. If you have photographs of your Orchids (and their names) and you would like to have them included in an upcoming newsletter, please contact an officer.

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