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### Fred Clarke presents "Today's Mini and Compact Cattleyas" on June 18<sup>th</sup>

Fred Clarke will give the presentation at the next Orchid Society of Middle TN meeting on June 18th at 7 pm. The meeting is located at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens. There will be refreshments and previewing of the plants at 6:30 pm. **Order by June 10 for 10% off.** Email [fred.clarke@att.net](mailto:fred.clarke@att.net)



Today Mini and Compact growing Cattleyas come in many colors and shapes. Learn about the small growing Cattleya species, the important breeding plants and what hybrids are available for the orchid enthusiast. In conclusion we cover the 'best practices' for growing these little gems.

Fred has been growing orchids for 33 years and has been hybridizing for 25 of those years. With over 25 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids located in San Diego, California.



Visit *Sunset Valley Orchids* the next time you visit San Diego, CA, or go online, [sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com).

**Cheekwood** is located at 1200 Forrest Park Drive, Nashville, TN 37205. The society is excited about having this wonderful presenter and welcomes visitors to the meeting. For more info please see [www.tnorchid.com](http://www.tnorchid.com).



### Memphis Society Show May 17-19 2013

With much appreciation and gratitude to Rick Lockwood, the Orchid Society of Middle TN had a 25 foot exhibit at the Memphis show. We exhibited four member's plants in the display. We won several first place blue ribbons. Rick, Jan and Candace's plants all won first place, and we placed many other plants in second and third. Rick and Jan volunteered as clerks for the show on Saturday and were guests at Charles and Susan Wilson's home in Mississippi. There were six vendors present selling some wonderful plants. The next show will be May 16-18, 2014 and we hope to have a larger showing of our member's talent for growing orchids in Middle Tennessee.

### OSMT Programs and Events

July 16

Leo Schordje, Ever Blooming Orchid Collection

August 20

Rick Lockwood, What Do Orchids Eat

September 20

Deb Delmas, Appreciating Furan

#### Vice President position is open and in need of a volunteer!

There is still a need for our OSMT Vice President volunteer. The presenter schedule is almost completely booked for 2013. Jan has several ideas for next year to give plenty of time to get accustomed to the position. We have a great board, so if you like to search the net, e-mail and talk to some wonderful people **YOU** can do the job.



B/c Wendy Tanaka x C Little  
Dipper 'Golden Eye'

### July 16th Meeting at Cheekwood

Leo Schordje will be presenting “Ever blooming Orchid Collection”. 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 grow lights. 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 so preorder plants for the July meeting.

### August 20th Meeting at Cheekwood

Rick Lockwood will be presenting “What Do Orchids Eat”. He has gathered info on how much or how little fertilizer affects plants. He has published an article in the AOS magazine and will be presenting more information from the research he has completed in the last few years. This presentation will probably challenge some of the thoughts on how to grow better orchids. Rick will share the results of his journey of exploration into what orchids eat.

### September 20th Meeting at Cheekwood

Deb Delmas will be presenting “Appreciating Furan”. This presentation touches on the different aspects to look for when admiring a NeoFinetia. These are unique and different orchids and the presentation will provide a wonderful examination into this orchid.

## \* refreshment list

June	Jeanne Kahan
July	JoAnn Heinrich
August	Candace Tillquist
September	Byron Dumas
October	Paul Morgan
November	Business Mtg
December	Party

## OSMT in Memphis



Jan's First Place



Candace's First Place



Rick's Second Place

The Memphis Orchid Society Exhibit



Ricky's Second Place