Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee

Newsletter April 2015



OSMT Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2015 "10 Easy Orchids" presented by Barry Jones

Time: 7:00 pm (*networking at 6:30 pm*) **Location:** <u>Cheekwood Botanical Gardens</u>

For our upcoming meeting in April we will host The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society President and AOS accredited judge Barry Jones. Barry will be presenting a program on "10 Easy Orchids." He is an excellent and knowledgeable speaker and he will also have plants for sale. This is a great program for Orchid growers of all skill levels. Please note the program will start at 7:00pm, arrive early for food and Orchid sales starting at 6:30.



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

MAOC Show

After a fantastic MAOC and show I want to thank all of our members who helped make our show such a success. What a success it was!!! There were many incredible exhibits, excellent programs, and fantastic experiences. In addition, 8 AOS awards were awarded, which is fantastic for a show our size. Congratulations and thanks to all of the members who participated. I also want to thank our Show Chair Tom Harper for all of his hard work putting together such an excellent show.

OSMT Programs and Events



May 30th: OSMT Picnic and Auction begins at noon June 16th: Dr. Lawrence Zettler "Topic TBA" July 21st: Linda Wilhelm "Magnificent Stanhopeas" August 18th: TBA September 15th: John Tullock "Growing hardy Orchids" October 20th: Dr. Kristin Uthus "The Orchids of Japan" November 17th: Annual Business meeting *Location TBA December: Annual Holiday Party Most of the remainder of the year's programs have been booked. There will be additional information in the uncoming newsletters about each

will be additional information in the upcoming newsletters about each program. All Meetings are held at the Cheekwood Botanical Gardens with the exception of the May Picnic, November business meeting, and December Holiday Party.

Events Calendar

April 18 - 19, 2015

1) Smoky Mountain Orchid Society Show & Sale

The Smoky Mountain Orchid Society will host an orchid show & sale, April 18-19, 2015, at Ijams Nature Center in Knoxville, TN. See the beauty and variety of the Orchids exhibited by various orchid societies from the Southeast. Orchid growers will be present to give tips on growing orchids in your home and orchid vendors will offer plants for sale. Orchids on exhibit will be judged by the American Orchid Society. Admission is free. Hours: 9am - 5:00 pm. Visit <u>ijams.org</u> Contact: <u>smos@frontier.com</u> Orchid show will be in conjunction with the Ijams Native Plant Sale.

May 15-17, 2015 Memphis Orchid Society Show

The Memphis Orchid Society is pleased to announce our thirty-second annual Orchid Show and Sale to be held 15-17 May 2015 at the Memphis Botanic Garden, 750 Cherry Road. Entry classes will be in accordance with the current MAOC schedule. This is an AOS sanctioned show.

Set-up will be on Friday from 9:00 AM till 6:00 PM. Plant registration will close at 5:00 PM. Due to the botanic gardens hours, sales area will be open to the public Friday from noon to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until breakdown at 4:00 p.m. Contact: Mark Mills swamprad@gmail.com

Welcome New Members

In addition to the success of the show, the OSMT had another success, during the 3 days of the MAOC and show our membership grew by 24. The OSMT would like to offer a warm welcome to the 24 new members who joined the OSMT at our show. **Welcome!** We are very excited to have you and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meetings. Please note we meet the third Tuesday of each month at the Cheekwood Botanical Gardens. Arrive early to our monthly meetings and you will find our members are great sources of knowledge of the many Orchid topics. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the society please speak to one of our officers.

Yearly Membership Contribution

Join or renew your OSMT membership with a \$25.00 contribution. Yearly Membership contributions are paid to Treasurer Angela Dycus.

OSMT is an American Orchid Society Member



Annual OSMT Picnic & Auction



May 30th at noon we will be having our yearly OSMT picnic and Orchid auction. This is a great event to expand your Orchid collection while having a some excellent food.

The OSMT will provide the meat and we ask our members to bring a side dish, dessert, or drinks. This year's picnic will take place at the Merkle residence. All auction proceeds go to benefit the society.

To learn more about OSMT visit tnorchid.org