

# OSMT Newsletter

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## Update for OSMT Meeting, Tuesday, September 22, 2015 "Growing Hardy Orchids" presented by John Tullock

**Time:** 7:00 pm (*networking at 6:30 pm*)

**Location:** [Cheekwood Botanical Gardens](#)

The OSMT program will be author of Growing Hardy Orchids, John Tullock. Please join us for this fantastic opportunity to hear from one of the leading experts in Hardy Native Orchids. John Tullock is a writer, photographer, orchid fanatic, ichthyologist, and long-time conservationist who has been growing orchids and wildflowers for thirty years. John is an active member of the Nature Conservancy, American Orchid Society, North American Plant Protection Council, and Tennessee Native Plant Society, and until recently operated a mail-order orchid business from his home near Knoxville, Tennessee.



John says: "Part of the reason I first became interested in growing native orchids stemmed directly from their reputation for fussiness in cultivation. In no reference book could I find any encouragement for including native orchids in my wildflower garden; in fact, most of the books I consulted contained numerous exhortations to avoid even attempting to grow them. Eventually, after tramping along miles of woodland trails in search of orchids to photograph, I decided these books must be wrong."

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

## OSMT Programs and Events



**October 20th:** Dr. Kristin Uthus "The Orchids of Japan"

**November 17th:** Annual Business meeting \*Location TBA

**December:** 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.*

# JOIN US FOR AN AOS WEBINAR

WHEN: Sept. 17, 2015 8:30PM EDT

WHO: Tom Harper, Stones River Orchids

WHAT: *Basic Phalaenopsis Culture*

REGISTER AT:

<http://aos.org/Default.aspx?id=509>



**Can't make it? No need to worry. We digitize the webinars and they are available at your leisure from the same webpage (<http://aos.org/Default.aspx?id=509>).**

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

October 7 — Growing Orchids Semi-hydroponically by Ray Barkalow, First Rays Orchids.

October 27 — Land of Orchids and the 22nd WOC by Jose “Pepe” Portilla, Ecuagenera.

For webinar announcements and login information check <http://aos.org/Default.aspx?id=509>. An email will also be sent to the membership in advance of a scheduled webinar.

## OSMT Member Orchids of the month:

Special thanks to Angela and Dennis Dycus 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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