



SMOKY MOUNTAIN ORCHID SOCIETY

March 2018

Programs and Events

Orchid Repotting: 10:30am – 11:30am Saturday, March 17, 2018, at Stanley's Greenhouse (3029 Davenport Rd Knoxville, TN 37920). **Bring a plant, pot and medium and come to Help or Learn!**

March 22 Meeting: Orchid Growing Competition Kickoff (See page 2 for Details!!!)

March 22 – 26: Asheville Orchid Festival. Get any orchids you wish to include to Rosalie Peters (865-376-7939) before March 20.

June: SMOS Orchid Auction
Sunday, June 24, 2018

NEXT MEETINGS:

When: 7pm (Doors Open ~6:15pm)
Thursday, March 22, 2018
Thursday, April 26, 2018

Where: Pendergrass Ag & Vet Medicine
UT Veterinary Building
2407 River Drive, Knoxville, TN
Sequoyah Room (2nd Floor)
(North door along Joe Johnson)

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Bring divisions, extra plants, etc. for our fun raffle. You could take home a new orchid!

Board:

President: Greg Mueller
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March Meeting Topics:

Program: Orchid Growing Competition Kickoff
2019 Orchid Show: Date/Committee
Ask the Experts Topic: Open Q&A

Orchid of the Month:

Our congratulations to Rosalie Peters for his beautiful *Ryhnchostylis gigantea* that was chosen as Orchid of the Month at our February 2018 meeting.

Bring your favorite blooming orchids for our "Show & Tell" and vie for Orchid of the Month.



Message from the President:

I hope you all found the Orchid Virus testing presentation that Janet Lamborn of [Agdia, Inc.](#) on. I sure learned a lot and am sure I will eventually start testing plants I bring into the house to know what is/isn't virused and act accordingly. I took two critical pieces away from her conversation: (1) use disposable gloves when repotting plants to minimize the risk of inadvertent virus transfer from one plant to another, and (2) flaming pruning shears is more effective than bleach. I was unaware the inactivation time with bleach was so long and bleach goes bad. If you missed the meeting and need the special Promo Code, which is valid through August 31, I will have a few more copies of Janet's materials at the March meeting. For a 2019 Orchid Show to happen, a planning committee must be set up. Please consider volunteering. Ideally, the committee will include both newer and experienced members. May 18-19, 2019, which is the weekend after Mother's Day, would work for Lisa Stanley. Thank you all for making the February raffle one of the largest I have witnessed. The eight dendrobiums with the yellow flower donated by Rosalie were *Denbrobioum Hambühren Gold* (*Den Oborozuki* X *Den Golden Talisman*).

Greg Mueller

March Program Information:

I write this prior to sending the survey to decide which orchids will be selected, but the plan for the growing competition includes using 2 different species/hybrids from either Carter and Holmes or Exotic Orchids of Maui. An email to those that are interested will follow regarding which plants were selected.

Please remember to bring yourfs pots and medium if you want to repot your plant(s) at our March meeting. I will bring plastic to cover tables and we all are welcome to share any cultivation tips they may have for the selected plants/genera.

See you March 22!