



SMOKY MOUNTAIN ORCHID SOCIETY

May 2018

Programs and Events

May 19: Greenhouse Tour at UT.
Meet at pedestrian bridge
at 9:00am (Lot S9)
(see details on page 2)

June: SMOS Orchid Auction
Sunday, June 24, 2018
(see details on page 2)

July 26 Meeting: Mark Reinke of
Marble Branch Farms
presents **“No Greenhouse,
No Problem”**

August 23 Meeting: Rosalie Peters
discusses hydroponics and
alternate media in orchid
culture

NEXT MEETINGS:

When: 7pm (Doors Open ~6:15pm)
Thursday, July 26, 2018
Thursday, August 23, 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
Vice-President: Rich Gettings
Treasurer: Angela Snow
Secretary: Betty Gilbert

May & June – No Meetings:

Orchid of the Month:

Our congratulations go to Tracey Yoakum for her beautiful *Dendrobium thysiflorum*, which was selected as Orchid of the Month during our April 2018 meeting.

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



Message from the President:

This is friendly reminder that regular meetings will resume in July. Rich has arranged a May greenhouse tour with Jeff Martin of the UT Biology Department. In June, Dawn Thomas is hosting our annual auction. I hope to see you all at both events!

I was quite surprised by just how much I learned from Ken Lister's slideshow presentation on Mexican *Laelias*. Looking back at my frantic notes, there are definitely a few that I may consider trying not to kill (*L. speciosa* may not work for me, with its long dry season).

"No Greenhouse, No Problem"! Mark Reinke of Marble Branch Farms is our speaker at the **July 26 meeting** so don't forget to mark your calendar as you will not want to miss it!!

9:00 am May 19 – UT Greenhouse Tour:

We are privileged to be able to tour the first-floor greenhouse of the **HESLER BIOLOGY BUILDING** in the center of the UT campus with Jeff Martin. Parking is free on campus over the weekend. Park in Lot S9 (1648 Peyton Manning Pass) near the pedestrian bridge where Jeff Martin will meet us at 9:00am for the tour. From there we all will walk (less than ¼ mile) to the Hesler Biology building. Let Rich know if you have any questions.

3:00 pm June 24 – SMOS Annual Plant Auction & Pot Luck:

Dawn Thomas is hosting the SMOS annual plant auction and pot luck dinner. We hope you all can attend. Directions will be sent in the near future. Come bid on some new orchids, support our orchid society and enjoy time with other members!!!

Rich would like your input! Please contact him ("rich_48623" at yahoo) if there are any particular genera of orchids you would like the society to consider ordering for the auction. If you have any special interests (we cannot guarantee they will be in bloom), Rich needs to know ASAP.

The auction will be followed by a pot-luck dinner. Please bring a dish to pass if you would like to join us for dinner after the auction.