



SMOKY MOUNTAIN ORCHID SOCIETY

February 2019

Programs and Events

Orchids 101: Sat, Feb 9, 2019, at Stanley's Greenhouse. 10:30-11:30am

Orchids 201: Sat, Feb 16, 2019, at Stanley's Greenhouse 10:30-11:30am

February 28 Meeting: Greg Mueller presents on the Lankester Botanical Gardens

March 28 Meeting: A discussion on Mounting Orchids

NEXT MEETINGS:

When: 7pm (Doors Open ~6:15pm)
Thursday, January 31, 2019
Thursday, February 28, 2019
Thursday, March 28, 2019

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

Board:

President: Greg Mueller
Vice-President: Bob Lauf
Treasurer: Angela Snow
Secretary: Betty Gilbert

February Meeting Topics:

- Program: Greg Mueller will present on a recent trip and tour he had of the **Lankester Botanical Gardens**.

Orchid of the Month:

Our congratulations go to Cassie Hall for her beautiful *Maxillaria sanguinea*, which was selected as Orchid of the Month during our January 2019 meeting. *Maxillaria sanguinea* is an orchid species found in Costa Rica and Panama.



Message from the President:

I enjoyed seeing so many people at our January meeting and hope you enjoyed learning about gesneriads, relatives of African violets. Many gesneriads can provide weeks of color without competing for shelf space as they can thrive on lower shelving in greenhouses and in the house provided you can provide phalaenopsis-like conditions.

As often occurs when a person is learning about a new topic, s/he often learns something that relates to another. The topic of water quality arose. Many water utilities publicly post their water quality reports. These can be a good source about parameters such as alkalinity and hardness, pH, and dissolved solids among others. KUB's reports, for example can be found [here](#).

I hope to see you all at our Orchids 101 and/or Orchids 201 workshops at Stanley's Greenhouse and at our February meeting.

Greg

P.S. If you're on Facebook, be sure to join the "Smoky Mountain Orchid Society" group. If you are not on the email list and wish to be added, please use this [link](#).

Program Information:

As always, non-members are Welcome!

February 28: President Greg Mueller will present on the Lankester Botanical Garden in Costa Rica. The presentation will cover some of the history of the Botanical Garden and efforts under way in the Lankester Botanical Garden's efforts in Investigation, Conservation and Education.

March 28: Presentation on Orchid Mounting and Techniques. Bob Lauf will compile photos that members provide him (boblauf@att.net), and Bonnie will lead this discussion. Any examples you may have (via photo or bringing plants) are much appreciated.

April 25: TBD