



# Mobile Area Orchid Society

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Meeting Location is Christ United Methodist Church 6101 Grelot Rd. Mobile room A201 at 6:30PM on 10 November. See last page for link to map and directions.

## From the President's Desk

### Silent Auction Addition

We discussed and agreed at our last meeting to feature a silent auction at any regular meeting when members have plants they would like to sell. A page with 4 bid sheets is attached for your use if you would like to prepare yours in advance. I will also have copies with me for those who may be unable to print them easily at home. We will follow the rule for plant auction that half of the sale price will go to the Society's general fund. The plant owner will set the minimum bid for each plant. Come early to place your plants and your bids.

I will also have a couple of large and small Sansevieria Cylindricas available if any of you would like to have them. They will not be sale items. A small one is pictured to the right.

### Christmas Party

*Do bring your calendars this month. We will be asking for a host home for our December meeting and Christmas Party. If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to host the party, send me an email or text message on Monday or Tuesday to let me know which days your home is available 251 459 1974.*

*I am assuming we will want to play Orchid Bingo again and have spoken to Glen about the purchase of Orchids for that event. I have not committed us yet but we will need to make a decision on Thursday.*

I will have copies of the updated membership list at the meeting. My list includes 15 members but I lack 5 birthdays! So far as I know the next birthday is in January. Apologies to Emily for mistakenly leaving her name off the last list, and once again, *Welcome to new members Grady and Joy!*

**Remember to bring blooming orchids for Show and Tell**



## Program for 10 November

The program for 10 November will be on Cymbidiums and will be presented by Glen. Be sure to bring your paper and pen for notes and ask any questions you may have.

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This article is copied from the AOS website. Follow this link for full article. (<http://www.aos.org/orchids/additional-resources/preparing-orchids-for-winter.aspx>)

# Preparing Orchids for Winter

By Susan Jones

The onset of shorter days and longer, colder nights heralds winter's arrival. Many factors play into keeping your orchids happy and healthy through this time — finding the right combination of variables can be tricky, especially for beginners. The phrase “proper prior planning” is appropriate here; doing so will help your orchids to reach their greatest potential and increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the hobby.

Generally, temperatures between 50° and 80° F (10° to 27° C) are ideal for orchids; but occasional brief periods of temperatures above 100 F (38 C) or drops even into the 30s (0 C) will not harm most orchids as long as no frost forms on the leaves. Cold hardiness, the measure of the orchid's resistance to or ability to adjust to cold stress, should be considered when adding new orchids for your landscape or collection. The degree of cold hardiness is determined by environmental conditions, the overall health of the plant and its genetic makeup. Some species are always killed by colder temperatures, while others can tolerate short periods of temperatures near freezing.

## Cold Injury

Symptoms indicating cold damage usually become visible some days after exposure to critically low temperatures, not during the cold exposure. Cold injury includes damage from temperatures above and below freezing. Chill injury is that caused by low temperatures above freezing, and freeze injury is damage from temperatures at or below freezing. Frost damage takes place when dew freezes after it has condensed on leaf surfaces if the air temperature drops below freezing.

The rate at which symptoms develop depends on the severity of the exposure and the conditions in the growing environment after the exposure. Continued cool temperatures and high humidity after exposure to cold may slow the development of symptoms, while high light intensity and warm temperatures may accelerate the appearance of symptoms.

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# Freezing

Symptoms of freeze injury include desiccation or burning of foliage, water-soaked areas that progress to necrotic spots on leaves, and death of sections of the plant or the entire plant. Obvious symptoms may not be present until after the plant has been stressed by very warm temperatures.



Don't forget to send pictures of your orchids or favorite article for our website and newsletter.

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## Christ United Methodist Church map

Click [here](#) for a larger campus map of Christ United Methodist Church Room A201 directly behind the Sanctuary. You may be able to enter the building at the end opposite the Sanctuary. This is where Beverly and I entered last time we were here in room A204.

