Next Meeting August 9 6:30 PM

Christ United Methodist Church 6101 Grelot Road Room 206 behind Sanctuary



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July Blooms



Judy Rush's Rlc Ellen Nacinovich



C Tropic Pointer 'Cheetah' AM/AOS

Orchid Shopping ??

- Foliage should be firm, not wrinkled or floppy. Avoid leaf blemishes especially uneven blemish patterns.
- Pseudobulbs or canes should also be plump and healthy looking especially the newest ones. Leave the plants with badly shriveled or discolored canes.
- Any visible roots should be firm and healthy looking. Roots rambling over the growing medium are a sign of a healthy plant. Repotting time may be just around the corner!
- If the plant is in bloom, look for even or symmetrical pattern and color. There should be no color streaking, color break, or deformity.
- The growing medium should be in good condition, and free of weeds.

What to look for . . .

Soft spongey medium could indicate decay, which can quickly destroy a plant's root system and the plant.

- Check carefully for insects. Look inside and on the back of every bloom. Examine the underside of leaves and the leaf axils as well. If you do not check carefully you may miss them.
- Labels are important. No serious orchid grower should buy an unidentified orchid plant, no matter how beautiful its bloom. Knowing it's identity helps us care for them appropriately. It is essential that we at least know the correct parent names of the plants we grow.
- Gift and raffle plants should be held to the same quality standards



Onc Ruth's Rainbow 'Over the Rainbow'

AOS Events

Webinar The Pleurothallidinae and their Pollinators Wednesday, August 8th, 2018 8:30 PM- 9:30 PM EDT AOS Members only

WebinarGreenhouse ChatTuesday, August 14th, 20188:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT

Birmingham Orchid Society's Show & Sale September 21-23 Birmingham Botanical Gardens 2612 Lane Park Road, Birmingham, AL. *No AOS judging.* <u>bvonderpool@yahoo.com</u>

Atlanta Judging Center August 11 September 8 Atlanta Judging Center will hold monthly judging on the second Saturday of the month at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, 2:00 PM, 1345 Piedmont St. NE, Atlanta, GA



more July Blooms



Paph Vanguard



Ctt Matherne's Red Red Wine



C Crowfield 'Mendenhall'



Psh cochelata

Can You Match the Names with the Pictures ?

Trichocentrum lanceanum, Paph acmodontum, Den speciosum, Onc Tiger Hambühren, Lycaste Macama, Onc Twinkle, Dendrochilum wenzil,
Phal Suziana Wijanto, Paph gratrixianum, V densioniana, Paph concolor,
Aerides odorata, Lycaste macrophyla, Phrag longifolium, Paph Vanguard



OrchidWiz made this easy!

Ortho's All About Orchids

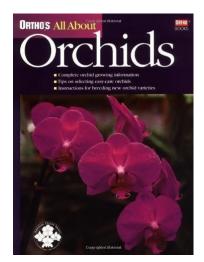
Ortho's Orchid book has been around for quite a while, and so far as I know has not been updated, but it remains an excellent first book for those who are new to Orchids. It covers basics of light, temperature, air movement and more at under \$20. It gives more than a new grower can absorb in a first—or second reading, and continues to answer questions with words and pictures in a simple straight forward manner. A helpful tool for me has been the Ideal Light Ranges . I didn't need to know a lot about foot candles so the book allowed me to make a comparison with orchids that were doing well for me using that as a benchmark for others I knew less about.

The pictures were excellent, and I found them helpful as I learned names, began to recognize problems and possible solutions, and also developed a wish list that is still growing even though all of the space in my greenhouse is taken!

Newsletter Help

Help! We would all love to see your favorite pictures in the Newsletter. Get them to me by the middle of the month. I'll do my best to put the Newsletter in you in box the first of each month. If you send plant pictures, please ID the plant. If you send pictures that are not your own, please include the photographers name and assure that we have permission to use the pics.

If you have a favorite orchid related internet site, send me the address, and I will share those favorites with the group next month. I will not include your names, just the addresses.



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