

AGENDA
Sunday, October 25rd, 2020 @ 1:30
Garfield Park Conservatory, side entrance

Social Distancing/Masks

- I. Presentation: Jim Dumphe of Oakwood Gardens; Growing Catasetums. There will be plants for sale.
- II. Reports: Treasurer – Minutes
- III. New Business:
 - A. MAOC Report.
 - B. Rachel on website update.
 - C. Attendance at Bingo meeting; ordering for Bingo will include non-flowering specimens
 - D. Show & Tell
 - A. Orchid Care: After all that we learned by Russ' presentation (see minutes below, if you missed it), I hope you have had a successful re-potting season.
 - 1. It's never too late to set Phals to blooming. Just provide several weeks of cooler temperatures (c. 10 – 15 degrees below day and night.)
 - 2. Remember, too, light levels drop precipitously between June 21 and Dec 21. What once you kept off the window sill, you might now be able to put on it. What once only received dappled shade, early morning/late afternoon light, can now take southern exposure (though not necessarily on the windowsill). Artificial lights also require some cut back in the number of hours you light your plants.
 - 3. Plants that have thrived outdoors might benefit from being divided.
 - 4. Phals – our glorious winter bloomer – needs several weeks (2-3) of upper 50s night time temperature to assure bloom. A drafty window is ideal for this.
 - 5. Many Catts show new sheaths from summering outside. Soon, buds will be pushing through. For spring blooming Catts watch for their decaying sheaths not to collect water. Such sheaths must be promptly removed.
 - 6. Green-leaved paphs begin showing their sheaths this or next month. Keep cool air circulating
- IV. Calendar:
 - A. November 22 – Tom Sampliner [no plants for sale] Orchids of Borneo
 - B. December 6th – Bingo
 - C. Any calendar suggestions? Speakers? Trips?
Possible trip to Eric Sauer to buy phrags (also to New Visions), speaker on artificial lighting, Rinhard Greenhouse,

MINUTES OF RUSS VERNON'S PRESENTATION on REPOTTING.

ATT: 15

- I. Presentation really had two parts: overall tips and specific tips for Onc, Cats, Phals, Paphs
 - A. General Tips;
 - 1. Re-pot when new growth appears both above and below soil, i.e., new shoots and new roots.

2. Pseudo bulbs mean that there is a dry season where orchids are originally from. The larger the pseudo bulb, the longer the dry spell.
3. For pseudo Bulbs, old roots go at the back of the pot, new growth towards the center,
4. Anchoring rhizomes and other orchid plant roots is urged so that roots do not 'rock' back and forth against the soil and damage roots
5. Coconut fibers and/or pieces with perlite are his preferred planting medium; can last up to two years
6. Squeeze pot to loosen root ball. {Using clay pots has the problem of roots clinging to the porous sides, though inserting a plastic pot into clay pot for stability is fine.} Remove as much old potting medium as possible; the smaller the root ball the better to work the new mix into the ball before potting. The larger the ball, this becomes too messy. Remember, gentle pressure when 'compacting' soil around the root ball.
7. Cutting off any part of the plant, make sure cutting instrument is sterilized
8. Orchids like being root bound; ergo, underpotting is better than overpotting.
9. Soil in pots no to exceed pot rim
10. If Leaf is hot to touch, then too much sun; cool to touch, then too little; warm is best
11. Dark green leaves = needs more light; light green = too much light

B. Species.

1. Oncidiums
 - a. Has a central leaf and brac leaves. When brac leaves yellow, sign the plant needs help
2. Cattleyas
 - a. Bifoliate – two leaves; monopodial – one leaf. The former is more sensitive to reporting
3. Phals
 - a. Must add a new leaf to re-bloom
 - b. Use clips if only if a few roots
 - c. Newest root only above soil
- 4.. Paphs
 - a. Add a layer or two (depending on pot size) of dolomite (contains essential magnesium)
 - b. Denser mix than phal
 - c. A little cooler than phals
 - d. Don't report in dead of winter
 - e. Grows in leaf litter on forest floor which is underlain with dolomite rock.
 - f. 25% charcoal in the mix

II. John will find out about Kansas City Orchid Society auction and check on food for BINGO

III. Elections opened for nominees. Currently, Treasurer will be open.

Rachel will report on website.