

# THE MEMPHIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Memphis Orchid Society Show 2011  
Kamran Kiani's Sculpture  
*Cypripedium parviflorum*  
Artistic Certificate 94 points  
*Photo by Marcus Valentine*

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## President's Column

Fall is definitely upon us, as the changing light patterns in my greenhouse testify. I'm having to make adjustments for the changing path of the sun, moving some plants around and even hanging lights for supplemental lighting. Those of you who have been growing outside will be bringing plants inside this week, as the temperatures drop into the high 30's.

Rearranging and sorting through our plants comes at a perfect time though -- since this month's speaker is our own Susan Young, rather than an outside vendor bringing in plants to sell, this is a perfect time to donate a plant or two to auction at this month's meeting! I've got several great plants that I don't have room for anymore, or that are duplicates, that I will bring in for auction, and hope many of you will do the same. Also, the Orchiata bark is scheduled to ship to us this week. With any luck, we will have the bark at the meeting for those of you who ordered it to pick up.

**See you all on Sunday!**

--Mark



## From the Forrest

This beautiful weather we've been having is such a relief, both for me and my plants. As opposed to the last few hot months when I could not even scrape up a few nice show entries, a suite of fall and winter blooming orchids have been flowering and sending out inflorescences, much to my joy. However, lurking just behind this nice early fall weather lies the impending cold fronts of late fall and winter (making me think "Damn, I bet it must be nice to live in the tropics"). So now is the time to be thinking about what to do to keep our 'chids happy over the long winter.

Although winter can be imposing, fear not fellow orchideers, there are solutions! In this month's Green Grower's session we will discuss overwintering strategies and techniques for the indoor/outdoor growers and what I've learned about overwintering in a greenhouse last winter (someone with more greenhouse experience than I please come help me here). In addition we will talk about plant dormancy, how to recognize it, which groups of plants tend to require it, and differences in dormancy strategies among groups. After this we only have one more Green Grower's session covering the basics of getting your plants ready for orchid shows, everything from training inflorescences and prepping foliage to safely getting your plant to the show.

**Bye for now, see you all in this weekend.**

**Forrest Brem**



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## 2011 CALENDAR

<b>Jan.</b>	<b>1/23</b> MBG	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Francisco Miranda</b> from Miranda's Orchids	<b>Laelias of Brazil</b> <a href="http://mirandaorchids.com">mirandaorchids.com</a>
<b>Feb.</b>	<b>2/27</b> MBG	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Leo Schordje</b>	<b>The Everblooming Orchid Collection</b> <a href="http://schordje.com">schordje.com</a>
<b>Mar.</b>	<b>3/27</b> MBG	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Peter Lin</b> from Diamond Orchids	<b>Dendrobium Species</b> <a href="http://diamondorchids.com">diamondorchids.com</a>
<b>Apr.</b>	<b>4/17</b> MBG	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Forrest Brem</b>	<b>Carnivorous Plants</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>5/20 – 22</b> Holiday Inn Select		<b>Mid-America Orchid Congress / MOS Show</b> I-240 & Poplar / 5795 Poplar Avenue 38119	<a href="http://midamericanorchids.org">midamericanorchids.org</a>
<b>June</b>	<b>6/26</b> MBG	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Bill Thoms</b>	<b>Bulbophyllums</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>7/24</b> MBG	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Sam Tsui</b> from Orchid Inn Ltd.	<b>Paphiopedilums</b> <a href="http://orchidinnusa.com">orchidinnusa.com</a>
<b>Aug.</b>	<b>8/28</b> MBG	<b>2:00</b>	<b>ORCHID SWAP</b>	
<b>Sept.</b>	<b>9/25</b> MBG	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Brenda Oviatt</b> from Botanica Ltd.	<b>Angraecoids</b> <a href="http://www.botanicaltd.com">www.botanicaltd.com</a>
<b>Oct.</b>	<b>10/23</b> MBG	<b>1:30</b>	<b>GREEN GROWERS</b> with Forrest Brem	<b>OVERWINTERING STRATEGIES</b>
<b>Oct.</b>	<b>10/23</b> MBG	<b>2:00</b>	<b>SUSAN YOUNG</b> from Memphis Orchid Society	<b>PERU</b>
<b>Nov.</b>	<b>11/27</b> MBG	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Fred Clarke</b> from Sunset Valley Orchids	<b>Catasetinae Species &amp; Their Cultivation</b> <a href="http://sunsetvalleyorchids.com">sunsetvalleyorchids.com</a>
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>12/18</b> MBG	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	

### **The Detling Report**

September's MOS meeting...

Happily, we enjoyed a really good turnout with 41 members present including several we hadn't seen for awhile. There were three visitors, one of whom became our newest member. So, welcome to Andy Cuong Nguyen of Memphis. Other visitors were Rita Diaz of Germantown, and Sarah Waddoups of Rogers, Arkansas, a friend of our September speaker, Brenda Oviatt.

**Nancy and Bill**

### **Debra Talks Money**

Would you like a Memphis Orchid Society Name Tag? The cost is \$7.00 for a pin tag and \$9.00 for a magnet tag.

Do you need MSU fertilizer? Still have some for sale at \$3.00 per bag.

**See me at the meeting!**

**Debra Baker**

### **Weather It's Cold Or...**

Well, so far October has been wonderful weather-wise with day time temperatures mostly between the mid 70's and 80's. These temperatures are slightly above historical averages for the month. According to the records, we can expect temps in the low to mid 70's during the day and 50's at night for the rest of the month.

For November, records show we can expect daytime temperatures from the mid 50's to high 60's, and night time temps in the mid to high 40's for most of the month dropping to the low 40's at the end of the month. We had a couple of days in the 30's last year.

If you still have any of your orchids outside, it's time to bring in all but your most hardy varieties such as dendrobiums or cymbidiums. Don't forget to 'debug' them before bringing them in! The last two issues of the AOS Newsletter have articles on contact, systemic and translaminar pesticides. As noted last month, you should alternate usage of these three types. More on this subject in future columns.

**Chuck Pintner**

### **September Orchid Needs**

As noted elsewhere the weather is changing and so are the needs of your orchids. The amount of water they required this summer is probably less now, especially if you kept them outside. Most orchids would like some weak, (1/4 recommended amount) of a balanced fertilizer. They also like a 10 degrees or so day to night drop in temperature.

**Chuck Pintner**

### **Carter and Holmes Order Update**

I have not received enough orders to qualify for the C&H 25% discount. I will keep the order open for a few more weeks.

If interested e-mail me at [chuckpsinbox-orchidinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:chuckpsinbox-orchidinfo@yahoo.com).

**Chuck Pintner**

# ERIC KUHNEL

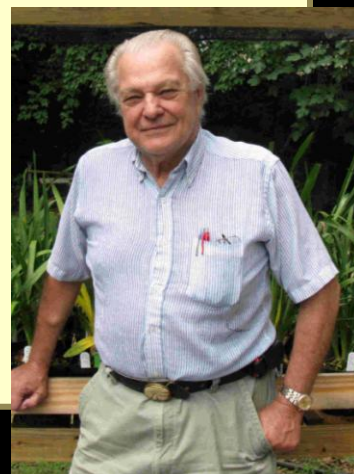
## HEAT TOLERANT CYMBIDIUMS

This summer has produced some unusual and interesting climate conditions for growing cymbidiums. In email correspondence with Andy Easton in California, I outlined to him the unusually hot temperatures we experienced here in Memphis. He in turn noted to me, their climate has been unusually cold, and has really put a damper on new growth of the HTC he is working on in his nursery, "New Horizon Orchids".

Our abnormally hot summer is over, and the weather conditions now have made another substantial deviation from normal. Moderate daytime temperatures, followed by very cool nighttime temperatures has started to produce some abnormal spiking of standard cymbidiums. Normally, for cymbidiums that typically blossom during the winter months, spiking has not occurred here until starting in November, and some spiking and resulting blossoms lasting until April. I have noticed several standard cymbidiums spiking, starting in September, and if more blooming size plants continue to spike, will produce more blossoming plants this year than in any of the 9 preceding years, that I have been trying to grow cymbidiums here in the Memphis climate.

The HTC plants that have been supplied to me are of an unknown blossoming schedule, frequency, and blossom type. Each day is a new look as to what is happening. Many of these HTC plants are not up to blossoming size, and coupled with others that are divisions of blossoming size plants, that may need to have recovery periods after division to produce adequate root growth, followed by good plant growth. Despite those conditions, one has indicated recurring blossoming at about 3 month intervals, and several other producing spikes, although some of the spikes wilted before full development. These plants need more time to recover from their division. Two others have spikes that are developing fast enough that I might be able to bring the plants in blossom to the October meeting, along with a few of the standard cymbidiums in blossom.

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# ORCHIDbabies, LLC Newsletter 31, October, 2011

***30% off on plants in bloom or bud  
as marked currently\****

***\*(some prices on web are not  
current)***

We have many blooming and budding plants that we are not bringing to orchid shows now - and it's to your benefit! We are marking all these blooming and budding plants down 30%. Call or come by to be first to make your selections. The plants currently blooming or plants that are too large to mail are in this 30% off category as well. This includes Vandas, Cattleyas, Integenerics, Dendrobiums, Miltoniopsis, and others.

Call 205-665-5650 for an appointment.

## AOS Newsletter Snippets

The AOS 2012 calendars are now available. They cover 14 months (through Feb 2013) and can be obtained from the AOS for \$11.25 for members and \$12.50 for non members, both postpaid in the USA. Calendars can be ordered online at [AOS.org](http://AOS.org). When ordering online be sure to select "Media Mail" as shipping method.

Further on chipmunk and squirrel repellents, the AOS advises to use a product containing garlic oil, dried blood, and putrescent whole egg solids every 2 months. (One such product is Repels-All ®) '

**Chuck Pintner**

## Orchid Nomenclature

Our friend Lee Rogers of the Little Egypt Orchid Society advised us of a site to check out the name of your orchids to see if the name has been changed. The list which is updated daily, was prepared by the Royal Horticulture Society in 2008. Kew Gardens maintains a site which can be accessed through the following link. <http://apps.kew.org/wcsp/prepareChecklist.do;jsessionid=4AF6B8DF3D4440DD2C8C09D4793F8408?checklist=monocots%40%40287141020111825425>

If this fails, search, "Kew World Checklist". Select the website, "World's Monocotyledons Checklist Now Online". Near the top of the resulting page locate the big label and click on "Checklist" which is circled. The 2/3rds of the way down on this page is a box labeled search. Type your orchid name here and go!

**Chuck Pintner**