



# The Central Missouri Orchid Society

NEWSLETTER - January 8, 2006

## CMOS MEETING DAY/TIME

CMOS currently meets on the second Sunday of each month at 4 pm in April, May, September and October. and at 3 pm November through March. There are no meetings in June, July or August. Do these days and times work for you? Is there a day or time that would work better for you? Please e-mail Barbara at gilesb@missouri.edu and let her know what you think!

## TASKS FOR WINTER

--Make sure your name tags aren't fading. Even "Permanent" ink from Sharpie's can often fade in the sun over a single season. Try using a pencil. You can also keep more than one tag in each pot written with different makers to prevent ever losing the name of your orchids.

--Whether growing in a greenhouse or a window sill make sure that your orchids aren't touching the window or greenhouse wall. Even though the inside temperatures can be comfortable the window or wall itself can become very cold and cause damage to your orchid

--Be aware of your watering habits as we transition into winter. You may find that you have to water a lot less often, or in the home you may even need to water more often because the air is so dry due to your heating system. Try becoming familiar with the weight of your different pots when they are wet & dry. You'll be amazed at how quickly you will know when to water based on the weight of the pot. You can also try keeping a wooden "shish-ka-bob" skewer in each pot to use as an indicator of when to water. When checking your plants, pull the skewer out and check if it is still moist. You can buy these at the grocery store in packs of 100 for \$1.00-\$2.00.

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## LAST MEETING

The last meeting was held on Sunday, December 11, 2005 at 3:00 P.M. at the Samuels' house in Ashland. Members had plenty of opportunity to indulge in yummy goodies and enjoyed seeing Scott's great success at growing orchids in windows. Many thanks to the Samuels for graciously hosting our December meeting!

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2006, 3:00 pm at Rock Quarry House. There will be a round-table discussion on phalaenopsis growing conditions. Please bring your wonderful and not so wonderful phalaenopsis to the meeting so we can discuss what works for growing phalaenopsis and what may not work so well and maybe give you some tips! There will also be a brief slide show of native phalaenopsis species used in breeding.

**Directions:** Rock Quarry House is at Rock Quarry Park, 2002 Grindstone. To get there from Stadium, either 1) take Old 63 south to the round-about, turn right onto Bearfield, turn right at the first stoplight onto Grindstone. Rock Quarry Park/House will be on your LEFT before you get to Rock Quarry Rd. or 2) from Stadium, take Rock Quarry Rd. south, turn LEFT onto Grindstone. Rock Quarry Park/House will be on your RIGHT before you get to Bearfield. or 3) from Stadium take Providence south to Nifong. Turn LEFT on Nifong, go past Rock Quarry Rd and Rock Quarry Park/House will be on your RIGHT before you get to Bearfield.

Rock Quarry Park is on the south side of Grindstone at the top of a hill between the Rock Quarry and Bearfield stop lights. There is a not-very-obvious skinny driveway and a brown sign on the hill that says Rock Quarry Park, 2002 Grindstone Ave. Follow the driveway to Rock Quarry House.

## PROGRAM IDEAS?

Is there an orchid topic in which you are especially interested? Do you know someone who would present a program? Are YOU interested in presenting a program? Do you have a great idea for a program? Can't think of a program but are willing to present a program? Ideas and suggestions from members are key ingredients in having interesting and informative meetings! Please bring your ideas and suggestions to the next meeting or e-mail Barbara at gilesb@missouri.edu.

## DUES ARE DUE!

Still only \$15 per member/family. Bring your check book and membership form to the January meeting or please send your check, payable to "CMOS," and membership form to Treasurer Martha Routier, 5601 N. Maple Ct., Columbia, MO 65202.

After the February meeting the paid membership list will be verified and those who have not paid will be removed from the newsletter distribution list. Membership goes towards renting a meeting place, pays for speaker expenses, purchases books for the library, and everything else involved in running the Central Missouri Orchid Society.

Central Missouri Orchid Society  
2006 Membership Dues  
Valid Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2006

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