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Next Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 8, 2014, 7:30 pm

Farmington Senior Center

321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT

(See last pg. for map & directions)

***Understanding Dendrobiums:
Learn Tricks to be Successful
With all or Different Sections***

Presented by Alan Koch

6:30 pm.: Doors open. Socializing begins. Come early & help set-up for the meeting.

7:00 pm: Business meeting begins.

7:30 pm: Featured presentation begins.

Members with last names beginning with "N" through "Z", please bring goodies for the refreshment table.



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Connecticut Orchid Society Mission Statement

The Connecticut Orchid Society is an incorporated, non-profit association for the preservation and extension of knowledge concerning the conservation, ecology, science, cultivation, hybridization, appreciation and uses of orchids; and to carry on such activities as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate such purposes.

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Mentor List



The following COS members are available to answer your culture questions and help you with any orchid growing problems you may have:

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Visit www.ctorchids.org to apply for/renew membership. We accept Paypal. Contact Membership Chairperson Mary Rampone at www.COSMembership@earthlink.net for more details.

Connecticut Orchid Society (COS) is an incorporated non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1959. Please consider making a charitable contribution to COS. Most donations made to COS are tax deductible

Upcoming Events



Oct. 6 COS Board of Director's meeting, 7:00 pm, home of Sherry & Bill Pendleton, 123 Academy Rd., Cheshire, CT

Oct. 8 COS Monthly Meeting, 7:00 pm, Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids, *Understanding the Dendrobium Alliance*, Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT

Oct. 17-19 COS Annual Show & Sale *Orchid Harvest*, Van Wilgen's Garden Center, 51 Valley Rd., North Branford, CT. See details below

Oct. 18 AOS Judging, Northeast Judging Center, Barlett Arboretum and Gardens, Silver Educational Center, 151 Brookdale Rd., Stamford, CT, 12:00 pm. Chair John Sullivan 201-835-0113 or johndsullivan@optonline.net

Nov. 10 COS Board of Director's meeting, 7:00 pm, home of Sherry & Bill Pendleton, 123 Academy Rd., Cheshire, CT

Nov. 12 COS Monthly Meeting, 7:00 pm, TBA, Cheshire Senior Center, 240 Maple Ave., Cheshire, CT

Nov. 15 AOS Judging, Northeast Judging Center, Barlett Arboretum and Gardens, Silver Educational Center, 151 Brookdale Rd., Stamford, CT, 12:00 pm. Chair John Sullivan 201-835-0113 or johndsullivan@optonline.net

Dec. 10 COS Holiday Party, 7:00 pm, Farmington Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT





Orchid Harvest

Presented by
THE CONNECTICUT ORCHID SOCIETY

October 17-19, 2014

at Van Wilgen's Garden Center
51 Valley Rd. (off Rt. 139) | North Branford, CT 06471
Friday 2pm - 5pm | Saturday 9am - 5pm | Sunday 9am - 4pm

All tickets must be purchased at the site.

All-Weekend Pass	\$18.00
Member Shopping Friday, Oct. 17	\$12.00
Five Tickets on Saturday and Sunday Saturday, Sunday - Oct 18, 19	\$7.00
Photographers	Free Admission Valid Saturday and Sunday, 9am - 4pm only.
Food and drink will be available on-site.	

Receive \$2.00 Off Admission at www.ctorchids.org
Goupon must be presented at time of entry.

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Around the Greenhouse -- Editor's keikis

Letters to the editor are always welcome. Your feedback about any issue that is on your mind will help us improve our Society, as well as the newsletter. Please write to me at editor@ctorchids.org..

The deadline for submissions to the Nov. issue of the newsletter is Oct. 24th

Content Acknowledgement All information, opinions, reporting and recommendations that appear in this newsletter are those of the editor, unless otherwise noted.



Volunteers needed to work at our upcoming Show & Sale!!

Oct. 17—19, 2014

Please contact Cheryl Mizak at 203-264-6096 or president@ctorchids.org and let her know what hours and days you are available to help. *Thank you!!*

Lockhartia oerstedii

Closeup photo of flower.
Photo by Sharon Smith-Delisle



October's Featured Event

Understanding Dendrobiums: Dendrobium Alliance is one of most diverse genera in the orchid family. Learn tricks to be successful with all or different sections.

Presented by Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids, CA

The following information was provided by Alan Koch:

" Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya's. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many International Publications. He has also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and 3 terms on the Board of Directors, as well as two terms as a Trustee for the AOS."

Join us for an exciting evening!

President's Message



Cheryl Mizak

Hello

Just a few days away and the momentum and excitement is building for our up coming annual show and sale Oct 17 – 20. George & Dean with Bill's help are busy creating a plan for this year's display. Dave has finalized the plant registration process and Mary has it loaded on our web site for easy use.

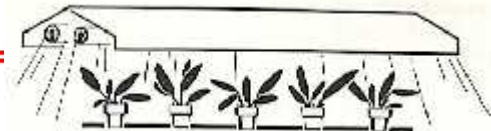
WE NEED TO BORROW YOUR BLOOMING PLANTS for a few days.

All blooming plants should arrive at Van Wilgen's on Thursday 10/16 between 10 am and 3 pm. If you have a blooming orchid but can not make it to the Garden Center, please let one of us know as we have several drop off points around the state. Also we could use a few more members as hosts & hostesses for Saturday and Sunday. Check your calendar and reserve a few hours

By now I am sure most everyone has brought their plants inside only to find out they have grown and in some cases out grown their space. If that is the case and you would like to donate your extra divisions to our club sale table it is a very popular place for bargains and all of the money raised helps support our speaker program.

Make sure to check out this month's speaker Alan Koch's web site Gold Country Orchids. He is offering a generous 20% discount and no shipping on preordered plants. Final order day is Monday Oct 6. You will be able to pick up your orders at our Farmington meeting site.

See you soon
Cheryl



June Show Table

<u>Genus/Parentage</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Culture</u>
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<i>Brassia</i> hybridum ign.	J. Richards	i,w
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<i>Cahuzacara</i> Lucerito de Oro	syn. Blc. T. Russell	i,l
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<i>Rth.</i> Bouton d'Or xBc.	Richard Mueller	
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<i>Catesetum</i> Lovena	R. Schwartz	i,w
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Cattleya purpurata* var. *flammea

T. Russell	i,l	
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<i>Dendrobium</i> Pascal Kuning 'Sheldon's Delight'		
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	B. Pendleton	i,w
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<i>Dendrobium victoria reginae</i>		
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	D. Tognalli	i,w
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<i>Lockhartia oerstedii</i>	S. SmithDelisle	i,w
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<i>Oncidium</i> hybridum ign.	George	
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<i>Paphiopedilum</i> hybridum ign.	Monty	i,w,g
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<i>Phalaenopsis pulcherrima</i>	D. Tognalli	i,w
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<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybridum ign.	W. Wilson	i,l
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Sept. Meeting Minutes



Carla Koch
Recording Secretary

Sept. 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Members returning for the new season were welcomed by Mary Rampone as President Cheryl Mizak was out of town on the day of the meeting.

Mary talked about our upcoming show and sale on the weekend of Oct. 17 — 19, 2014. She explained that she and Dave Tognalli are hard at work perfecting the plant registration forms for the website. Members were asked to look over their plant collection and urged to submit plants for both judging and our club display. The plant registration forms will be up on the website within the next few days.

Mary then introduced our featured speaker JoAnna Ekstrom. JoAnna is an accredited AOS judge and often leads the judging team at our annual shows. JoAnna presented many interesting slides that demonstrated the best ways to design an award winning show display. After she finished speaking, she encouraged all of us to participate in a practice session putting together a winning display using some of the beautiful plants from this month's show table. It was quite challenging figuring out which plant to use as the display focal point and how to carefully arrange all of the wonderful colors in an attractive manner.

Members finished off the meeting with a plant raffle and a review of the show table. Coffee and pastries were enjoyed by all as members chatted and caught up with each other about summer activities.

These minutes were prepared by editor Sharon SmithDelisle in Carla's absence.

Phalaenopsis hybridum ign

George Jones

i, w



Phalaenopsis hybridum ign George Jones i, w

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Platystele reflexa

R. Schwartz

i,w

Psychopsis hybrid

Monty

i,w

*Psychopsis*Kalihi alba

W. Wilson

i,l

(*krameriana* x *papilio*)

Psychopsis _Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS

W. Wilson

i,l

Butterfly x *papilio*

Restrepia dodsonii

R. Schwartz

i,w

Rhyncholaeliacattleya syn. *Potinara*

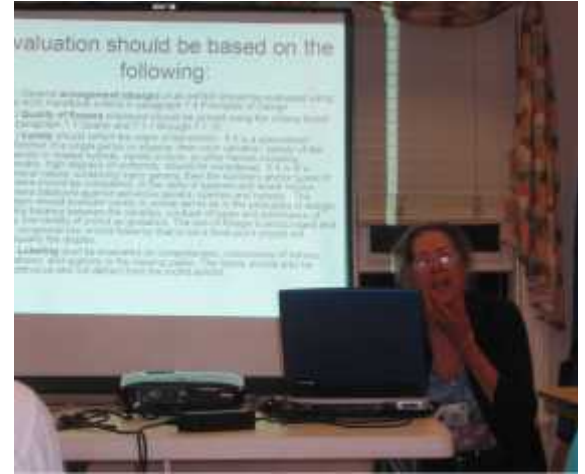
T. Russell

i,l

C. Circle of Life x *Rlc.* Ryo Iwata 'Leucadia'

Culture is as noted: c – cool i – intermediate w – warm g – greenhouse
ws – windowsill

The monthly Show Table list is researched and prepared by AOS Accredited Judge and COS Honorary Life Member Judy Becker. Photos included with the Show Table plants were taken by the editor.



Members enjoyed an excellent presentation by JoAnna Eckstrom about show table design and plant presentation for judging. JoAnna explained the differences between what judges look for at ribbon judging versus AOS judging. At the end of the talk, JoAnna encouraged members to join in with a practice demonstration using some of the lovely plants from this month's show table.



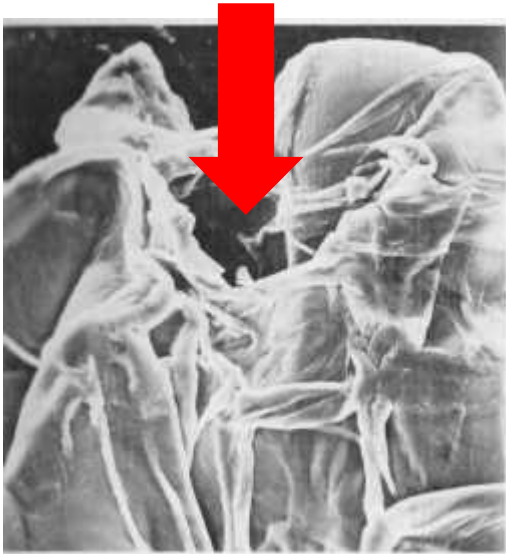
Members work on balance and color arrangement on their practice show table. Picking a plant for the focal point and placing it properly are very important. Color balance also comes into play. This was a great learning experience for all of us.

The solution to last month's puzzle was the word: **epiphytes**. Unfortunately, the puzzle contained several errors that would have made solving it difficult. Please accept this apology for spoiling your trivia fun this past month. The next puzzle promises to be accurate!

Orchid "Jaws"

Bet you didn't think orchids could be scary!! Well, take a look at this Halloween monster!! A Scanning Electron Microscope made it possible to see the suspensor (the cellular support of a plant embryo) end of a seed of *Paphiopedilum* Susan Tucker X *Paph. Parishii*. The magnification for this photo was 1742X. Wow!

Once the seed has been dispensed and it finds a suitable place to settle, mycorrhizal fungi will find the seed and start the process of germination. This is done by entering through the "jaw" where it will infect the seed; only then is germination possible.



(Photo by Ms. Justine Michaud, Univ. of California, Irvine. Photo and information obtained from *The American Orchid Society Bulletin*, Vol. 47, Number 10, October 1978, pg. 916. © 1978 American Orchid Society, Inc.)



Beginner's Corner

Cold Feet
By Larry Kuekes



Larry Kuekes

Despite popular misconceptions, very few orchids grow in hot jungles; most grow on mountains where it gets quite cold, though not freezing. The temperature nomenclature in orchid books is for greenhouses. What the books call "warm" is comfortable in a house; what they call "intermediate" is cold, and what they call "cool" is ridiculous. Indoors, you can easily find places to grow paphiopedilums and phalaenopsis. For other orchids, the challenge is to find – or create – areas, which are cold enough.

What counts is the nighttime temperature in the winter. The daytime temperature should ideally be 10° or 15° higher, but is not as critical. The simplest thing to do is to turn down your thermostat to 60° at night. If that's too cold for you, turn up the electric blanket or wear socks to bed. 60° is at the boundary between the "warm" and "intermediate" groups and should allow you to grow both.

Second, pay attention to "microclimates". For example, a spot right next to the windowpane will be colder at night (and brighter during the day) than a spot just 8" or 10" farther into the room. So you might put cattleyas next to the glass and phalaenopsis farther away. Some rooms may be cooler than others. Near the floor is decidedly cooler than higher up. If you don't have a maximum-minimum thermometer, get one, and try it in all different places around the house that have enough light (or where you could install lights). It's the only way to search out those microclimates without getting up at 2:00 a.m. to check.

To grow "cool" orchids, you should find a spot which gets down to 55° or colder. Fluorescent lights in the basement are good for things like odontoglossums which don't need bright light. The hard-

est combination to provide is bright sun and cold temperatures, preferred by cymbidiums and many dendrobiums. If you are lucky enough to have a basement with a sunny window, you can grow these normally difficult plants indoors (even "mini"-cymbidiums can be enormous, though). Another good spot is an unheated spare room. I have a guest bedroom with a south window; when I shut off the hot air register at night it gets down to 50° or less, which is ideal for these orchid Eskimos.

One last tip: assuming you put your orchids outdoors in the summer, leave them outside in the fall as long as possible, without letting them freeze, of course. This will encourage many varieties to make spikes or buds, even if the house temperature after you bring them in is a little too warm. It may be a nuisance to bring everything in when the weatherman predicts frost, then move them out again for a spell of Indian summer, but the plants seem to benefit. Even warm-growers like phalaenopsis should be left out until the temperatures get into the lower 50s at night. Intermediate types can stand temperatures in the 40s before you bring them in, and certain really cool-growers like cymbidiums and *Dendrobium nobile* hybrids are said to tolerate light frosts, though I've never tried it.

(This article first appeared here in Sept. 1989)





October: The Month of Crossroads

Tom's Monthly Checklist
By Thomas Mirenda

When I was about 10 years old, everyone called me “nature boy” because I was always walking in the woods looking at trees or in a stream searching for fish and tadpoles. While at the time, I reveled in this title, believing it to noble and something others should aspire to, I will never be completely sure if people meant this to a compliment or not. I suspect that some believed fascination with the natural world to be strange or even aberrant. There was a miraculous wooded street near my house that had been cut off to traffic and where, for some odd reason, no houses could be built, a real anomaly in northern New Jersey. I remember finding incredible ferns and wildflowers including pink lady's slippers (*Cypripedium acaule*) there. One balmy summer's day as I leisurely crossed through this tranquil suburban oasis I found a ox turtle also crossing the road with some more urgent purpose. I had never seen one up close before and picked it up to learn all I could by observation. Just at that moment, I spotted a group of mean boys I knew from school approaching. Knowing they had no respect for wildlife, I tried to quietly and surreptitiously return the turtle to the underbrush where it would be safe from these cruel kids. I walked past the gang with a “howzit goin?” and got only glowering stares in return. They had seen me with the turtle...Damn. I returned a couple days later to tearfully find that turtle's empty shell.

What I love most about horticulture, and especially the orchid world, is that it inspires respect for the natural world. Orchids themselves are so deeply interconnected with their environments and all the creatures in those environments that eventually, all orchid growers begin to understand the larger issues their

Stewardship encompasses. Orchid growers eventually come to that crossroads where their love and respect for nature blossoms. But there are many other factions in the world that have different priorities, and I fear they can so easily destroy our little oasis of a planet, if we let them. I will always feel guilty that I couldn't protect that little turtle. Maybe that's why I care so deeply about conservation.

Slowing Down By October, most orchids are growing at a turtle's pace. As the weather — particularly nighttime temperatures — cools significantly, many orchids start to go into dormancy or enter the floral phase of their life cycle. Phalaenopsis and oncidiums have ceased growing for the year, while pseudobulbs of cymbidiums and catasetums, though visibly fattening with stored nutrients, are also getting ready to flower. *Dendrobium* canes are tall, thick and producing their terminal leaves. Hard cane types (hybrids of the Phalaenantha and Spatulata sections) are already producing copious flower spikes, while the deciduous soft cane or “nobile” types are starting to drop some leaves in preparation for their extraordinary winter show. All of this happens in slow motion, often barely discernible to us growers. Nonetheless, cultural regimens must reflect these reduce plant needs. **Slow down the watering and fertilizing. Too much nitrogen, in particular, this month can inhibit bloom in many flowering orchids.**

Shelter from the coming storm For most of us who live in temperate climates, it's time to bring any orchids that summered out of doors back inside. Temperatures can shift radically this month and must be watched daily in case a real weather anomaly occurs. Make sure your indoor growing area is sanitized, organized and ready for their return. Also be sure all your environmental equipment: heaters, air circulators, thermometers, alarms and the like are all in working order. Scan your greenhouses for any flaws or cracks where cold drafts might enter and wreak havoc on tropical species.

Keep your cool The cool nighttime temperatures we experience this month will initiate flower spikes in many genera, especially phalaenopsis and cymbidiums, but also in many cattleyas, lycastes, dendrobiums and the Oncidiums. Several paphiopedilums are also induced to bloom as these cooler nights commence. Take advantage of this natural autumn temperature drop, as it is often the trigger necessary for glorious winter blooming. **Heat your growing area too much now and you will miss out. This is the main reason why indoor growers often can't rebloom their winter and spring flowering cymbidiums.** Spikes will only develop with cool nights. We keep ours outside until Halloween and then hold them in a greenhouse with 45 — 50 F (7 — 10 C) nights for the rest of the winter. Spikes will not develop and buds will blast if they are kept much warmer than this.

Plan for the future Be careful when transporting spiking plants inside as the young spikes are tender and easily damaged. Examine each plant carefully and if spikes are present, make sure they are positioned so they have adequate light and can develop unobstructed. Place a guiding stake by these developing spikes so they can be directed for best presentation. Otherwise they can go off in wild, obstreperous directions. Analyze where your strongest light source comes from, as spikes will grow in that direction. Turning a developing spike away from the light can destroy the natural grace of an inflorescence. This especially true as buds mature and flowering is imminent. Here's hoping we all have the best winter ever for our collections. —

Thomas Mirenda is the orchid collection specialist at the Smithsonian Institution and an AOS accredited judge.

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Honorary life member Larry Kuekes realized one of his dreams when he retired and moved to Hilo, Hawaii to live. Larry continues to contribute to COS by writing about his adventures with warm weather orchid growing in Hawaii.

Imperfect Orchids

Most orchid flowers are perfect. No, that's not hyperbole; "perfect" is a botanical term meaning the flower contains both male and female parts.

However, there are some orchids, such as *Catasetums*, that have separate male and female flowers. Female *Catasetum* flowers all look pretty much the same, no matter what species – basically a green, helmet-shaped structure. But the male *Catasetum* flowers are wildly different from one species to the next, and wildly different from the female flowers, even within the same species.

In fact, early botanists thought the male and female flowers were different species, even different genera. It wasn't until someone observed a single plant with both male and female flowers on it that the botanists figured it out.

Look at these photos of male and female flowers of *Catasetum tenebrosum*. Would you have guessed they belong to the same species?

Larry Kuekes



Catasetum pileatum, male flowers (red form)



Catasetum pileatum, female flowers.
Photo by Glory Gamer

Plant registration If you have plants you would like to enter for judging at our annual show on Oct. 17th, please visit our website at www.ctorchids.org. The necessary forms for registration were just posted this week. The entire registration process must be completed online as soon as possible. There are step-by-step instructions to help walk you through the process.

Did you know??? The name *Dendrobium* was formed from two Greek words: dendron meaning "tree" and bios meaning "life" or "living upon".

PLEASE!!

Have you signed up yet? We are still looking for volunteers to help out at our annual show & sale during the weekend of Oct. 16 — 19. Many hands make light work, of course, and this is your opportunity to show support for your society. Please contact Cheryl Mizak at 203-264-6096 to sign up— whatever amount of time you can spare will be appreciated — a couple hours to the entire weekend!!

Annual Dues are due —

Use the convenient Pay-Pal service on our website

www.ctorchids.org or send/bring cash or check to Membership Chair Mary Rampone. Membership information and dollar amounts can be found on pg. 2 of this newsletter.

Reminder!

Tips



Tricks

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If you have keikis on your dendrobiums wait until they have roots at least one inch or longer. You can just break the keiki from the parent stem and pot it up. Keep it in a shaded location until it begins to grow.



Marketplace

Need some supplies for repotting? As a service to our members, COS now offers a wide range of supplies at the Sale Table. Supplies may be ordered in advance, but must be picked up at a monthly meeting. Prices are only slightly above wholesale, no taxes and no shipping fees—what a deal!

COS Potting Supplies Price List

Basket –4” square slat w/hanger	\$3.00/ea.
Charcoal chips (4 scoops/bag)	\$2.00/bag
Coconut Husk (medium size chips) ½ cu. Ft.	\$10.00/bag
Coco Tek Coir 150 g. bag	\$5.00/bag
Dyna-grow fertilizer Grow 8 oz.	\$7.00/ea
Dyna-grow fertilizer Bloom 8 oz.	\$7.00/ea.
Grow More Orchids Food 1.25 lb.	\$6.00/ea.
Hydro rocks (one gallon bag)	\$3.00/bag
Mesquite slabs for mounting orchids	\$1.00 /ea.
Orange Guard Insect Spray 32 fl. oz.	\$9.00/bottle
Orchid Bark mix (Cattleya/Dendrobium/Oncidium) 2 gal.	\$5.00/bag
Orchid Bark mix(Cymbidium/Phalaenopsis) 2 gal.	\$6.00/bag
Orchid Bark—small 2 cu. ft.	\$25.00/bag
Orchid Bark – medium 2 cu. ft.	\$25.00/bag
Orchid Bark mix (cattleya/Dendrobium/ Oncidium) 1 cu.ft.	\$20.00/bag
Orchid Bark mix (Cymbidium/Phalaenopsis) 1 cu. ft.	\$22.00/bag
Physan 20 plant insecticide 8 fl.oz.	\$10.00/ea.
Plant labels (set of 25 yellow or white)	\$ 3.00/set
Pots – round, green, plastic 4 ½ “ (set of 10)	\$ 4.00/ set
Pro-Teckt plant fertilizer 8 oz.	\$ 7.00/ea.
Rhizome clips—large	\$ 0.50/ea.
Rhizome clips – small	\$ 0.25/ea
Sphagnum moss – ¼ lb. block	\$ 8.00/ea.
Superthrive Vitamins-hormones ½ fl. oz.bottle	\$ 3.00/ea.
Thermometer – digital min/max.	\$22.00/ea.
Tree Fern (medium) ½ cu. ft.	\$ 3.00/bag
Water breakers	\$ 5.00/ ea.

How we measured quantities:

¼ cubic foot mix or bark will fill approximately:

- (15) 4” pots
- (8) 5” pots
- (5) 6” pots
- (3) 7” pots
- (2) 8” pots

Contact Cheryl Mizak at (203) 264-6096 to preorder.

Directions to Farmington Senior Center

From the North or East: Take I-84 west from Hartford to exit 38 (Rt. 6). Proceed west. Turn right onto New Britain Ave. Farmington Senior Center is at 321 New Britain Avenue next to the police station.

From the South: Take Rt. 9 north to I-84 west. Proceed as above.

From the West: Take I-84 east to exit 37 (Fienemann Rd.).



Happy Halloween!