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(There is no show table in
this newsletter this month)



Next Meeting

Wednesday Oct. 12th, 2022

At Farmington Senior Center

321 New Britain Ave,
Unionville, CT 06085

Featured Event

Potting
Workshop

(Fee of \$5.00 to
cover materials)

From the Board

In order to make our meetings better, the board has come up with a few changes:

1. We will starting a new feature (Hooray!)

NEW MEMBER/BEGINNER CORNER!

It will be staffed by one of our knowledgeable growers. Stop by to have any questions answered. Problem orchid? Bring it along (without insects)

This month Dave Tognalli will head up the corner. Make sure to say hi!

2. Also, we did a changeup of the meeting format. This will allow us to keep meetings on track as far as time. (October's meeting may run over if there are a lot of plants.)

Meeting format:

6:30- 6:45 set up

6:45 – 7:15 Socialize & Beginner Corner

7:15- 7:30 Business discussion

7:30-8:30 presentation

8:30 -9:00 show table & raffle

9:00-9:15 cleanup & chit chat

Thank you for helping!

All members please sign up for a turn helping other society members at the Beginner corner. This is a great way to meet other society members!

Orchids in the News

Original Article Found Here:

<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20220913-the-majestic-singapore-orchid-named-in-honour-of-queen-elizabeth>

The 'majestic' Singapore orchid named in honor of Queen Elizabeth



After Queen Elizabeth II's death, Singapore's Botanic Gardens loaned a sprig of Dendrobium Elizabeth to the British high commissioner's residence Roslan RAHMAN AFP

Singapore (AFP) – Elizabeth is majestic, hardy and "very fashionable", said a top Singapore flower curator -- referring not to the late monarch, but to an orchid named after the queen when she visited the former British colony.

After Queen Elizabeth II's death last week, the city-state's Botanic Gardens loaned a towering sprig of Dendrobium Elizabeth to the British high commissioner's residence, to be displayed alongside pictures of the monarch.

The orchid hybrid, with twisted Dresden-yellow petals and a uranium-green lip, was named in honor of the queen when she visited Singapore in 1972, said Whang Lay Keng, curator at Singapore's National Orchid Garden.

"Dendrobium Elizabeth is a majestic, robust and resilient plant," she told AFP.

"It's kind of like how Queen Elizabeth carried herself."

Flowering just twice a year, the Dendrobium Elizabeth was bred from orchids originating from Singapore and Papua New Guinea, and carries just about 40 blooms per plant.

Orchid-mad Singapore boasts the delicate, colourful blooms as their national flower, and the city-state often christens new hybrids after visiting dignitaries as part of its diplomatic charm offensive.

The tradition took root in 1957 during British colonial rule -- which spanned more than 140 years -- when an orchid variety was named after the wife of London's high commissioner to Singapore at the time.

Queen Elizabeth first made a state visit to Singapore in 1972, followed by two more trips in 1989 and 2006.

"During the 1970s, the color yellow-green was very popular, so naturally we wanted to select something that was fashionable and very interesting," Whang said, adding that "yellow is a color of royalty".

But the tropical lowland orchid also has very distinct Southeast Asian traits.

It is a "sun-loving plant that thrives in a moist and humid climate, where sunlight and warmth are important for its growth", the orchid curator said.

Among the more than 200 orchid hybrids named after visiting leaders and celebrities -- displayed in the VIP section of the city's sprawling Botanic Gardens - - there is also the Dendrobium Memoria Princess Diana. The pastel-white bloom was so dubbed after the death of the princess of Wales.



In this photo taken on September 12, 2022, Whang Lay Keng, curator at Singapore's National Orchid Garden, looks at the Dendrobium Elizabeth orchid plant, named after the late British queen Elizabeth II, at the National Orchid Garden in Singapore. Cre...

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/international/world-news-politics/the-majestic-singapore-orchid-named-in-honour-of-queen-elizabeth-ii-1144688.html>



HAVE IDEAS?

If you have ideas
about the
direction of the
future of the
society, please

Upcoming AOS News and Events

Click on this link below

<https://www.aos.org/news-events.aspx>

Mentor List

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