



MAINE ORCHID SOCIETY

Meetings: September - June • 2nd Monday of the month at St. Anne's Church in Gorham at 6:45PM
For more info, go to MaineOrchidSociety.org

General Tips

Lukewarm water • Pull the plant tag out of the pot & touch it to your wrist to feel if the plant is still wet, or use a bamboo skewer • Orchids like humidity & moving air • Use orchid mix, not potting soil • Fertilize weakly weekly

Phalaenopsis (Moth Orchid)



- Don't use an ice cube for watering! Lukewarm water.
- If planted in moss, wait until it is completely dry before watering.
- Avoid getting the base of the plant wet.
- Light levels: An east window, or near a window where the shadows are pale & fuzzy.
- After flowering, if the stem stays green, let it be. If the stem goes brown, you can cut it off.
- 75°-85° day & 60°-65° night.

Paphiopedilum (Lady Slipper)



- Keep moist - not soggy and not dry.
- Light levels: An east window, or near a window where the shadows are pale & fuzzy.
- Can tolerate cooler temperatures, but avoid getting the leaves and the base of the plant wet.

Oncidium



- East, south or west windows are ideal.
- 55°- 60° at night, and 80°- 85° during the day.
- Large fleshy roots /leaves need watering less often than thin-leaved /thin-rooted plants.

Cymbidium



- Summer: sunlight, lots of water & fertilizer.
- Highest light possible without burning.
- Leaves should be yellow-green, not dark green.
- Heavy feeders compared to most other orchids.
- In September: keep outside as long as possible and reduce water & fertilizer.
- Needs 40°-50° temperatures to trigger flowering.

Cattleya



- Leaves should be a medium green color.
- 55° to 60° at night and 70° to 85° during the day.
- Bright light, but not direct sun.
- Needs to dry out thoroughly before being watered.

Dendrobium

- Water your orchids in the morning so that the leaves are dry before night.
- Likes to be almost dry before re-watering.
- Lots of light, but not direct sun
- 65°-75° day & 55°-60° night.
- This is a huge & varied group of orchids! Stop by one of our meetings with your plant to learn more.



Join the Maine Orchid Society, we'll help you out!