

January Newsletter

Happy New Year!

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Greetings!

We hope that your holiday season was restful and happy, and we wish you the best for this coming year! Thanks to all who supported us during the month of December. There are lots of Oak Hill gift certificates now out there just waiting to be used!

Repotting season is not that far away. As we did last year, we are offering **10% off on all supplies** ordered during the month of January. Now is the time to stock up on all the pots, media and accessories that you will need to do your plants right in a month or two. Check out the details at the link below:



[January 10% Off Supplies Special](#)

If you are an orchid re-seller or society member that is looking for a killer deal on a quantity of orchids, you may want to check out our **"Community Flat Overstock"** Special. We have limited availability of several varieties of orchids that are overgrown in growing flats of about 100 plants. We have never offered plants this cheaply before. Get 'em B4 they are gone! See the deal at the link below:



[Community Flat Overstock Special](#)

If you are not too far away from our nursery, you might be interested in attending one or all of our series of **orchid growing classes**, which will be held monthly beginning February 7th. See the details at the link below:

Orchid Classes

Look below for info on our current spiked and budded list, upcoming shows, and Liese's Tip of the Month.

Enjoy Growing,
 Greg

Currently in Spike and Bud

Save shipping on orchid show delivery!

We have what is probably the largest selection ever of orchids currently in spike/bud. If you live in a warmer climate we are able to get plants to you safely.

Lc. Drumbeat x B. glauca



[Orchids in Spike/Bud](#)

Another option, and one in which you could save some shipping costs, is to have us bring your selection to one of the three orchid shows in which Oak Hill Gardens will participate this month. We will be in Grand Rapids, MI, St. Paul, MN, and Madison, WI. See the link below for the dates and locations.

[Upcoming Orchid Shows!](#)



Mediocalcar decoratum

Growing Tip of the Month - by Liese

Humidity

January, in the colder states, means furnaces putting in overtime, pumping out a constant stream of hot air. When this happens, the climate in our homes and growing areas can become quite dry. It is during this time that we must pay more attention to the humidity levels surrounding our orchid collection.



More frequent watering may be necessary to keep your plants properly hydrated. Humidifiers can also be utilized to keep the humidity up. This not only helps to keep our complexions youthful, but also lets our orchids retain the moisture they need for optimum growth.

Humidity trays are another great tool. One can group plants on top of these trays, water them in place, and the tray will catch the excess water below. This water then evaporates upwards, in and around your plants, providing the moisture they desperately need this time of year.

Small, in-home fountains are another option to keep moisture in the air. Any standing or running water will evaporate quickly in a dry home, and increase the moisture level for your plants.

If you use fans in your growing area, you might want to turn them off during the drier months, except perhaps immediately after watering. Fans will only dry out the air, and thusly, your plants. Turn the fans on again in the summer, when humidity levels are high and the extra air movement is necessary.

Another way to keep your humidity levels at the optimum level is to simply buy more plants! A group of plants grown closely together, transpiring moisture among themselves, raises humidity levels considerably in your growing area. As they always say, "Humidity loves company," (or something like that....).

A boost in humidity will help your plant grow better, bring life and beauty into your home, and keep your skin soft and youthful (it's getting deep in here, huh?). Allow your orchids to help get you through these long winter months by adding beauty to your life!

We wish you the best for 2009!

Sincerely,



Greg, Liese and Hermann
 Oak Hill Gardens