

January 2017 Newsletter

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New Mexico Orchid Guild Newsletter January 2017

Our next regular meeting will be:

January 8th at 1:30pm

Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas
Blvd NE

*(Just West of Eubank on the South Side of
Lomas in Los Altos Park)*

As usual, please bring something to share.
Cakes, cookies, and other snacks are
appreciated



Members are encouraged to wear their membership badges

Main Program: Orchid Exchange

Bring an orchid (or more) and exchange it for another.

Growers Forum:

Sphagnum Moss

What is it?

Why should I use it?

How should I use it?

From the President's Desk

January 2017

Happy New Year!

I want to start the New Year with an apology. In the December newsletter I thanked members of NMOG Board of Directors and others for their contributions making our group such a success. I failed to mention Jane Nagel who orders, mixes, stores and monthly transports our supply offerings.

So, Thank You Jane.

We enjoyed a very nice holiday meal at Season's on December 11th. Thanks to all who joined us for this festive occasion.

Our **January 8th** meeting will feature the ever popular plant exchange. Bring an orchid or two or more and exchange them for a different plant(s). This is a great way to try new things and thin your collection of plants that you may not be successful with. All we ask is that the plants you bring be in good health and insect free. Participants will draw a number and select plants based on that number. We will continue until all plants have found new homes. No one leaves this meeting unhappy.

Sale and raffle plants will be from Fred Clarke at Sunset Valley Orchids.

The January Grower's Forum topic is "sphagnum moss, what is it? why should I use it?, and how should I use it?"

Oncidiums will be featured at our **February 12th** meeting. We will be offering a nice selection of oncidium seedlings and discussing how to successfully grow them here in Albuquerque.

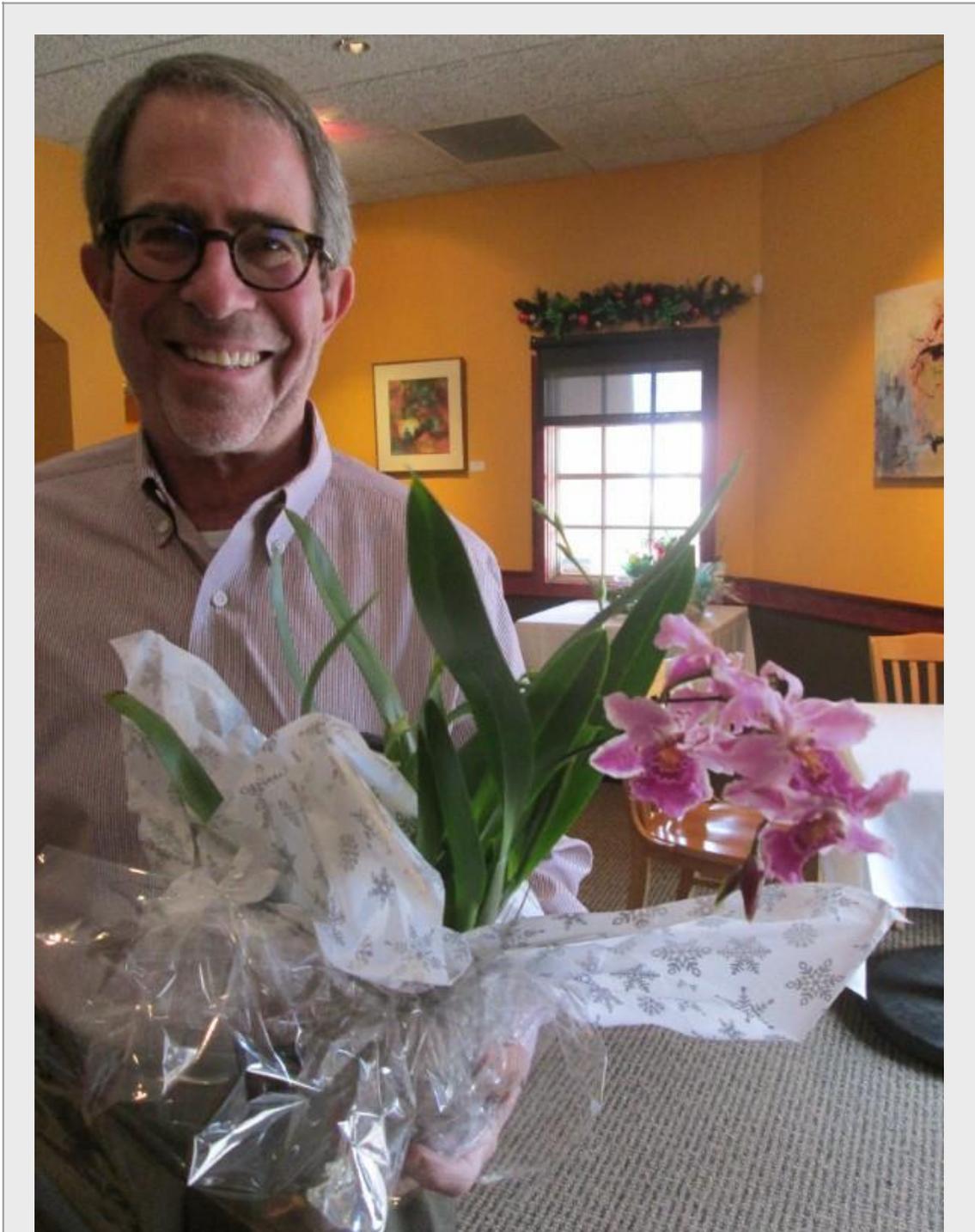
We are still seeking a member to help with show publicity. If interested, please contact any Board member.

NMOG operates financially on a calendar year basis so.....dues are due. Still \$25 per

household. Please complete a membership form when paying you dues even if there are no changes to your information. This is the only way we have of being sure we are able to reach you. NMOG does not share this information outside of our group. You may pay Ed at the meeting or mail your check to the PO box listed on the form.

Holiday Party Pictures

Courtesy of Mable Orndorff



Bruce Lieberman



Marlene and Dave Roberts





Thanks to Kelly McCracken for this Facebook posting.

Remember to stake your Phalaenopsis orchids! Most of mine have already spiked and now need significant staking to provide a good flower show. You should begin staking as soon as the spike is long enough to reach from between the leaves.

I usually put a tie at the base of the spike and then another at the tip of the spike. Train the spike as it grows, moving the topmost tie as necessary to keep it straight along the stake. Once you start to see buds form, stop moving the ties and allow the spike to droop and grow as it likes. This way, you can get that dramatic swoop of blooms that Phalaenopsis are known for.

Once buds form (on any orchid for that matter) do your best to keep the orchid in that position until all flowers are open. The flowers open towards the sun (or other light source). If the plant is rotated, you will get flowers pointed in all different directions.

Most importantly, be gentle! It can be easy to squish or snap a forming spike. Use soft ties and large clips to avoid any heartbreaking damage to new spikes.

If your Phals don't have any spikes yet, keep an eye out. They can still form anytime. New spikes usually appear in the third or fourth leaf from the crown, always on the longitudinal axis of the leaf.



Guillermo Salazar will be guiding a tour to the World Orchid Conference in Ecuador in November 2017

Watch your newsletter in the coming months for a full itinerary and costs.

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