

# Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee

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## Announcements

- Next society meeting: **Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Potter Meeting Room in Botanic Hall at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens. The OSMT board meeting will convene at 6:30.

## OSMT SPRING SHOW

**March 19-20, 2011**

**Cheekwood Botanical Gardens**

**Friday: Set-up**

**Saturday: Judging, Vendors (9:30-6:00pm), Public Viewing (Noon -6:00pm),**

**Sunday: Vendors & Public (11:00-4:30), Cleanup after 4:30**

## TRANSITIONING TO 2011

Before delving into 2011, pause with me for a moment to thank Candace Tilquist for hosting the OSMT Christmas Party on December 12. The gathering was warm and casual—quite in contrast to the weather outside the walls. The dining room table was filled with varieties of delicious food, competing with an equally delicious variety of orchids in the breakfast area. Many thanks also go to Alan Bachrach and many others who brought the orchids to fill that table and, ultimately, enhance each of our orchid collections. The party provided pleasant memories for the conclusion of the year.

Beginnings are always exciting! Our January meeting will take place in a few days, launching us into a year of potential and visions of orchids not yet dreamt. Winter holds a firm grip on us, for the moment, but very quickly, the lawn and garden show will be over, Cheekwood will have been enhanced by the beauty and variety of our Spring show and Winter will

seem like a distant memory as we focus on our annual picnic.

All of this does not happen without the active participation of each OSMT member. There are individuals taking the lead in each major effort to prepare for the show but they cannot do it alone. Come prepared to volunteer your efforts in trenches as we put this show together. There is a job for every personality so come see where you fit! Reserve the dates on



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## January Program

Ashley Gilbert of Worm's Way will be our special speaker for January. She will have a very practical presentation for all of us who struggle with achieving proper lighting levels with artificial lights, maintaining temperature for our orchids and food products that are available.

She has also alluded to some recommended tricks and "likes" of orchids that will be covered in the presentation.

Ashley will be bringing samples of several products. Catalogs for Worm's Way will be available for everyone.

Worm's Way offers special classes that will be of interest. A schedule of the up-coming classes will be available for all.

## Christmas Party 2010



The food table was every bit as appealing as the orchid table, but we would not be orchid lovers if our attention did not go to the orchids first! Many thanks to Alan Bachrach and all the others who contributed plants for the raffle table. Everyone was able to take at least a couple of new plants to add color and variety to their collections.



Good food, good conversation, good times were enjoyed by all—can you tell from the smiles?



Closer inspection and welcomed advice in anticipation of each person's turn to select just the right plant.



All eyes focused on Lydia as she read the raffle numbers drawn by Bryan.



### Events Calendar



#### January

- **Tues. 1 / 18 — January OSMT Meeting at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens**

#### February—March

- **Tues. 2/15 — February OSMT Meeting at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens**
- **Thurs. 3 / 4–6 Smokey Mtn Orchid Society Show at West End Mall, Knoxville.**

#### March (cont.)

- **Nashville Lawn & Garden Show**
- **Fri. 3 / 18 thru Sun. 3 / 20 OSMT Show at Cheekwood**