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## Orchid show chester nj

Location: Stony Hill Gardens | 8 Route 24 (intersection of Rte. 514 & Oven Rd.), Chester, NJ 07930 | 908.879.2696 Admission: FREE! Event website: StonyHillFarms.com 16 - 18 March 2018 Location: Stony Hill Gardens, 8 Rte 24, Chester, NJ 07930 Includes free seminars, refreshments, wine tastings, cheese samples, orchids for sale. The 2019 North Jersey Orchid Society Show and Sale is Friday, January 18 through Sunday, January 20, 2019 at the Douglass Student Center, Rutgers University in New Brunswick NJ. The show is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show features spectacular orchid exhibits showcasing plants grown in houses and greenhouses in the three-state area, as well as world-famous vendors. This show is partially funded by the Rutgers University Department of Plant Biology. Want to know about more fun events and events in NJ? Sign up HERE to Dr. Plant's (Stephen Kotarski) exposé video clip from the 2018 Orchid Show at Rutgers. Dr. Plant is always entertaining! Browse our selection of bedding plants, bulbs, flowering perennials, herbs, vegetable plants, succulents, houseplants, hanging baskets, containers and more. Orchid plants make a wonderful gift for any occasion. There are over 28,000 species of orchids, and few flowers are more worth growing or receiving! Beautiful living plants by Chester Florals and Design bring colour and joy to their home or office. Our orchid packages are delivered in bloom with full care instructions! Sort by: Bestsellers Highest Price Lowest Price SUSAN BLOOM | Last weekend's correspondent, orchid lovers, gardeners and other New Jerseyans just anxiously before the start of spring descended on Stony Hill Farms in Chester to attend the farm's 27th annual Orchid Open House. Winter-weary visitors had the opportunity to view thousands of beautiful orchids, get valuable information on growing orchids from the farm's experts and enjoy wine, cheese and baked goods from local suppliers Ventimiglia Vineyards based in Wantage, Springhouse Dairy of Fredon, and Green Acres of Hoboken. SEE PHOTOS & Stony Hill Farms' Orchid Open House in Chester It lifts people to go to the greenhouse and see all our orchids in bloom - it makes you feel good, Stony Hill Farms owner Dale Davis said of the event, which has run the farm annually since it opened in 1988. We get so many calls and questions from people all year round about how to take care of orchids; it seems that there isn't much education for the amount of orchids out there, so we keep our open house every year to help people learn more about them and they grow successfully. During the three-day open house, visitors enjoyed presentations on Home Orchid Growing and Re-Potting Orchids by Davis and colleague Carole Stober, Stony Hill gardening and Expert. Davis and Stober share some fun facts about orchids and offer their best tips for growing and taking care of these beautiful, architectural blossoms: Facts about orchids - There are thousands of native and hybrid species of orchids and they have been discovered on every continent except Antarctica, said Stober. About 50 species of orchids grow wild in New Jersey, including the Lady Slippers variety as well as others that have smaller flowers. According to Stober, orchid season is usually December-May, although some varieties can flower during the summer, and the plants can flower and re-flower for several months at a time year after year. While orchids used to be more expensive in recent years, prices have fallen due to Taiwanese hybridism and cloning methods and many can be bought from \$15 up. And while some people approach orchids as 'disposable' plants that live for a short time and are then discarded, orchids can theoretically live as long as humans do, Davis said. We have Cattleya varieties in our greenhouse that date back to the 1930s or 1940s. Popular pick - According to Davis and Stober, the 'Phalaenopsis' orchid is one of the most popular and most common varieties available in supermarkets, florists stores and garden centers today because of the cordiality in home-growing applications. Phalaenopsis literally means 'look like a moth' from Greek and is one of the easiest orchids to both grow and re-flower, said Stober. Vigilant watering - Although they don't need to be placed in direct sunlight, Phalaenopsis varieties need good quality light because they're never at rest - they're either flowering or synthesizing light to grow their next round of blooms, said Stober. When it comes to their hydration needs, you want to mimic the tropical downpours they're used to, so water them abundantly over every 7-10 days and drain them well, she said. You want to see water come through the pot and then get out and dry right away, just like in a rainforest. Avoid crowding orchid pots with vipers such as moss, which can impede air circulation and drying process, and do not water them with ice cubes, which can cool their roots and block the plant from being able to absorb the nutrition it needs. And when you leave, she said, give your orchid good water and don't let anyone take care of it for you who doesn't know what they're doing - that's when a lot of unfortunate accidents happen. In addition to these tips, Davis encourages people to avoid getting too much water. The most common cause of orchid death is by overwatering, causing the roots to drown, he said. Stober said that people can assess the plant's need for water based on the heftiness of the when they are lifted. She also recommends adding moisture to the orchid's environment by grouping orchids together or investing in a humidifier, but refrain from atomizing the plants, because the practice does not mimic high air humidity and promotes mold growth. In addition, she said, some species may need a rest period without water and/or cooler temperatures, so make sure you ask a lot of questions about the specific plant you are interested in buying. Other do's and don't's - Stober recommends adding '20-20-20' fertilizer to orchids grown here in the Northeast and growing them indoors to prevent decimation by deer or else surround them with deer-proof fencing as they grow outdoors. When buying them, start flowering plants so you see exactly what you get and the color of the flower, she said. And don't feel the need to match their color to your home décor - orchids can be their hold and the centerpiece. Davis advised people to fully understand the conditions in their home before investing in an orchid to ensure that the environment will be conducive to the orchid's success. Great resources - Among the many useful resources available to those who want to learn more about orchids, Stober recommends that people seek out local orchid clubs, Orchids Magazine by the American Orchid Society, or the book 'Understanding Orchids' by New England-based orchid expert William Cullina. Most importantly, she said, because conditions in places like Florida or California are very different than here, make sure every advice you get is from an orchid grower in New Jersey or the Northeast area to make sure the information is focused on our specific conditions and growing region. Orchid culture - A beautiful and diverse species with its own culture and fan base worldwide, orchids are fun to learn about and grow about for many reasons. Orchids are such varied and intricate flowers and there is no real 'standard' orchid, which makes them such an interesting group of plants, said Stober. They are incredibly adaptive and have been found to cling to trees and rocks while others live on cliffs, and new ones are always discovered, she said. They represent a fascinating introduction to the plant world and people also love it because they bring beautiful colour to the house in winter. Among Davis' favorite aspects of orchids is their longevity, and I especially like the challenge of letting them flourish, he said. We've been coming to this open house for the last couple of years and we love it - orchids are so exotic and they have such a huge variety and selection here, said Robin Dunn of Morris Township, who toured Stony Hill's orchid collection with daughter Bonnie Hall of Parsippany. The best part of the orchid open house? It's a break from winter and a of spring, Dunn said. Stony Hill Gardens is located on 8 Route 24 (Route 513) in Chester and can be reached at (908) 879-2696 or via www.stonyhillfarms.com. Hours are 9 p.m daily except in winter, when the hours are Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed Sunday). Share your sustainability story: email eabreu@dailyrecord.com Rutgers University hosts largest and oldest orchid show in New Jersey at its New Brunswick campus showcasing extraordinary orchids sourced from around the world by hobbyists and experts from the tri-state area. New Brunswick, N.J., : The North Jersey Orchid Society, New Jersey's largest and oldest orchid society, holds its 52nd annual show and sale Friday, January 18 through Sunday, January 20 (Fri-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9 AM-4 PM) at the Rutgers University Douglass Student Center in New Brunswick NJ. With about 25,000 known species and more than 250,000 hybrids, orchids are the largest family of flowering plants on the planet. Orchids can be found on almost every continent and in a surprising range of environments from the Everglades of Florida to the mist forests of South America. The show will feature nearly a thousand flowering orchids sourced from around the world of all shapes and sizes and colors of the rainbow. In addition, there are free daily educational workshops for growers of all levels. Topics include orchids for beginners and how orchids grow in your home. Check www.njorchids.org for additional work store schedule and vendor listing topics. 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