Orchid Culture Day

August 20th ----Growing Orchids In the Home

In response to popular demand, we are hosting an Orchid Culture Day here at J&L focusing on growing orchids in the home. There will be four sessions with a break for a delicious lunch which we will provide. There is no charge for the lectures, but we ask for reservations so we know how many people to expect. Lunch will be $6 and also requires a reservation. You are welcome to attend the morning or afternoon sessions or the entire day. Just let us know. The day will flow as follows:

9:30 – 10:30 **Basic Orchid Culture on the Windowsill** We will discuss all of the basic growing components such as light, temperature, water etc. and ways to create an environment hospitable to orchids. Terrarium culture and growing mounted orchids will also be discussed.
11:00 – 11:45 **Companion Plants for Grocery Store Orchids and How to Grow Them** Add some sophistication to your collection by learning which orchids will grow well along side your Phalaenopsis and Oncidium Alliance Intergenerics.

Lunch Break

1:00 – 2:00 **Growing Orchids Under Artificial Lights** Special guest Patti Lee* will enlighten (no pun intended) and entertain you with her extensive knowledge of growing under lights. Patti has over 200 plants in her NY apartment, which she has been cultivating under artificial lighting since the 1960's. She is a pro and a lot of fun.
2:30 – 3:30 **Problems and Repotting** Here we will address issues such as how to flower a reluctant orchid, common orchid pests, what do yellow leaves mean, etc. We will finish with demos of repotting, dividing and mounting orchid plants.

*Patti Lee has a long time interest in horticulture and floral design and has been growing orchids since she was nine. She helped found the Manhattan Orchid Society over 20 years ago and is active in several horticultural groups and orchid societies. Ms. Lee has served as Horticultural Chairperson of past New York Flower Shows and has been called a "New York Houseplant Guru" by the NY Times. She lectures extensively on various horticultural topics and has consulted on several horticultural books and television features.

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