



National Capital Orchid Society

Next Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2017

U.S. National Arboretum

Admin Bldg Auditorium

24th & R Streets NE

Washington, DC

**Arboretum gates are open at 6:30.
Show table set-up begins at 7:00 p.m.
and Show Table judging begins at 7:30.
Meeting: 8:00-10:00 p.m.**

This IS NOT a members' sales event.

Our speaker is Kim Feddersen. His talk is about “**Cool Orchids, which can be grown outdoors 6+ months**”.

I grew up in Denmark, where my dad had a retail orchid nursery. I started working in his nursery after school when I was 15, and continued till I left for the US 9 years later. My dad's first love was Paphiopedilums (Cypripediums to him), and that bug turned out to be infectious. Those were the days of wild collected plants, but my dad did some hybridizing also, including in Vandas, which kindled my second orchid passion.



I have grown Orchids as a hobby grower for about 20 years, starting in windows, moving to lights in the basement, and finally into a greenhouse, where my collection today numbers some 1500+ plants, mostly Paphiopedilum and Vandaceous, but also ranging into Cattleyas, Aussie Dendrobiums, pendulous Cymbidiums & Lycastes. I do a little breeding in Paphs (complex & tea cup types) and miniature Vandaceous, with emphasis on Neofinetia falcata & Ascocentrum hybrids.

I am a member of the AOS, and both North Jersey & Deep Cut Orchid Societies. I am currently editor for the Deep Cut newsletter, and have previously served on the board of NJOS for a number of years. I started to exhibit at NJ shows in 2013, and following the end of my corporate career have expanded my orchid activities significantly. Under the **Fair Orchids** identity, I now participate in shows from PA to MA.

I live in Maplewood NJ with my wife, 5 felines who can't keep teeth and paws out of the orchids, some 100+ daylilies, a couple of hardy orchids and an assortment of other botanical oddities. I do speaking engagements for garden clubs and orchid societies.

Kim will have plants for sale, Cymbdiums, Vandaceous, Aussie Dendrobiums & Cattleyas, some misc. A 10% discount for pre-orders. See www.fairorchids.com for plant availability, price list is slightly out of date. Contact Jay Tullos (jtullos@verizon.net) or Kim directly for updated price list.