

The idea that orchids are difficult to grow and only for the wealthy is just a myth. Many orchids can easily be grown in the typical Alaskan home. The growing conditions for most easily acquired orchids are relatively straightforward--a simple matter of suitable light, water, temperature and humidity.

Many orchids can be purchased inexpensively and may be grown without sophisticated equipment. Windowsills and areas with good light exposure will work for many species. If you can bloom an African Violet you can grow and bloom *Phalaenopsis*, *Paphiopedilums*, *Miltonias* and *Masdevallias*. Cool- and intermediate-growing types can be placed outdoors for the Alaskan summer to help initiate blooms.

There are over 30,000 orchid species and many more hybrids. Alaska has 32 native species. Orchids are found on every continent except Antarctica.

Join the **Alaska Orchid Society** and we will help you extend your flowering seasons for year round pleasure.

The Alaska Orchid Society offers many opportunities for new members to learn and share information. A member can draw from the vast experience of the collective organization. Some members have been growing orchids for up to 40 years. A few members grow Alaskan native orchid species.

AkOS regular membership dues are \$15 per year. This entitles the member to monthly meetings, eNewsletters and full access to the club's website at www.akorchid.org. Dues paid by new members after August 31 and before December 31 are \$10.

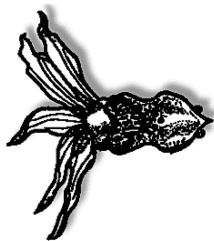
General meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. From Sept. to May we meet at the BP Energy Center on Benson Blvd at the Seward Hwy. We begin gathering at 6:30 PM with the program at 7:00 PM. In the summer months we do field trips.

*For additional information visit our web site at **AKorchid.org**, send an email to AKOSNewsletter@aol.com, or call Wayne at 277-2157. And visit us on Facebook at Alaska Orchid Society.*

We share our love and knowledge of orchids with the community. The AkOS participates in the annual Sears Mall Garden "Spring Fling" each year. At this event information on orchid growing is displayed and we sell orchid related items, orchid fertilizer and, of course, orchids. We also have demonstrations of proper repotting techniques.



YES, I WANT TO JOIN THE ALASKA ORCHID SOCIETY



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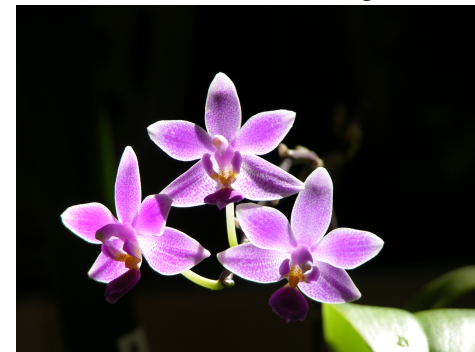
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- Benefits of membership:**
- Monthly meetings with educational programs
 - Multiple programs each year featuring nationally renowned and local orchid experts
 - Question and answer sessions
 - Members share their flowering plants at a monthly Show-and-Tell
 - Monthly eNewsletter
 - Free and low cost orchids at some meetings
 - Informal group visits to members' greenhouses and local native orchid sites
 - Repotting clinics

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