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- Building Your Paph Collection Wisely

Photo and Article

Credits:

- Ernie Gemeinhard

October Newsletter

As Betty Jo and I participated on behalf of the VOS at NCOS Show, this will be the extent of the newsletter for the month of October.

Betty Jo and I would like to thank Art Burke, Debby Sauer, Carol Hollenbeck, Allen Black, Jerry Rogers and Garland Hanson for the loan of their orchids for the NCOS Exhibit.

Pre-Orders!!

Ernie will be offering a 10% discount for preorders received on or before Wednesday, October 15th.

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“ Building Your Paph Collection Wisely ” presented by Ernie Gemeinhard

Ernie, born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology and Aquaculture from the the Florida Institute of Techology, Melbourne, FL. He spent three years of graduate study at the

George Washington University and National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC investigating the physiology, evolutionary biology and taxonomy of freshwater, South American catfishes in the genus *Corydoras*.

He currently works as a laboratory manager and technician in the Biomedical Polymer Sciences Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Biopharmaceutical Sciences performing research using polymers for targeted, controlled release cancer treatments and directed cell growth for tissue regeneration. Ernie is a probationary,



certified AOS judge at the Chicago judging center in his fourth year of training. We have been growing orchids under fluorescent lights since 1997. We grow primarily Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums, Moth orchids

(*Phalaenopsis/Dortitis/Doritaenopsis*, etc.), and mini and compact Corsage orchids (*Cattleya alliance*). In his spare time, aside from maintaining orchids under lights in a dedicated 8' x 10' second story room and unique garage growing room, Ernie like to spend his time with his wife, son and cat; brew beer; keep tropical fish; play volleyball and roller hockey; and SCUBA dive as a PADI-certified Divemaster.

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Educational Workshop at 1pm

On Sunday, October 19th, Ernie Gemeinhard with Enlightened Orchids will be conducting an Educational Workshop on “Orchid Collection Recordkeeping and Label Making” for our group an hour before our 2pm regular meeting.

