



Smithsonian Associates

An Orchid Afternoon – Intermediate Orchid Care

Instructor: Barb Schmidt

The materials for this class are provided by the instructor and include:

- Epiphytic orchid - Certain genera and species work better, such as Phalaenopsis, Oncidium, Vanda, and Neostylis. This is where a more common species is good.
- Orchid mount - It is important to use a clean, sterile mount which has a rough surface for the orchid roots to attach to. Good mounting material includes cork bark, driftwood, clay pots, tree fern, or a rough stone.
- Sphagnum moss – This will be used to help keep the orchid roots moist on the mount.
- Shoelaces or cable ties – These are used to secure the orchid to the mount.