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Welcome to Agdia's April Orchid Quarterly

Spring has arrived! What a great time to treat your orchids to new potting material. Depending on the variety and age of the orchid, the media should be changed every 6 months to 3 years. Some varieties and younger plants tend to need repotting more often while older plants can go longer. The best time to treat

your plants to fresh, new potting material is while they are actively growing. This usually occurs just after blooming. Searching the internet can provide important information on the best type of media for a particular orchid, how often the media should be changed and informative how-to videos that offer step by step instructions so you can feel confident with this step of your orchid care routine.

Orchids resent old potting material so give them what they want and they will give you what you want: Beauty, Joy, Pride.

Featured Photo



Photo courtesy of Steve Lutes, Agdia, Inc.

What is the species of orchid in the featured photo?

Anyone who can provide the correct answer will be entered into a pool to receive a free Orchid Virus ImmunoStrip kit. Please send responses to: orchids@agdia.com

Congratulations to Elaine from the Sandhills Orchid Society for correctly guessing our featured photo quiz. The correct answer was *Catasetum pileatum* 'Imperiale'.

Events Calendar

ORCHID FEST 2010

"Gems of the Jungle"

Presented by the Sacramento Orchid Society

Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95819

Saturday, April 17	10am – 5pm
Sunday, April 18	10am – 4pm

Orchid Show & Plant Sales with plants from around the world.

Two seminar programs featuring nationally recognized speakers.

Educational exhibits to answer all your questions.

Food - you won't have to leave all day!

Walk-thru Butterfly habitat.

*Admission: \$5.00 at the door.
(\$3.00 in advance)*

Children under 16 admitted free w/adult

Tech Tips

Viruses that are mechanically transmitted, including CymMV and ORSV, can be transmitted by leaf-to-leaf contact.

Mechanical transmission means that the virus can be passed from an infected host to a healthy host when the healthy host comes in direct contact with infected tissue. Leaf-to-leaf contact meets that criteria since the tissue from a potentially infected plant is given the opportunity to make contact with tissue from another plant. Other opportunities for mechanical transmission include, but are not limited to contact with contaminated soil, potting materials, and especially cutting or pruning equipment. Soil or potting media that may be contaminated should be discarded and potting and cutting materials should be disinfected with bleach before use with another plant. Physically touching an infected plant with a hand, and then touching a healthy plant with the same hand without washing or disinfecting may also spread the virus. Thus, it is very important to be certain that a plant is free of viruses spread by mechanical transmission before allowing any opportunity for contact with healthy plants.

If there is a question regarding Agdia's orchid ImmunoStrips, please E-Mail your question to: orchids@agdia.com.

Tech Tip provided by Matthew Chambers

Contribute to Orchid Quarterly

If you are interested in submitting an article, photo, or event for publication in Orchid Quarterly, please email us at orchids@agdia.com. Please have your information to us at least 20 days before the next issue is published. Publications are issued on the 1st day of the following months: January, April, July and October.

Thank you and we hope you enjoy Orchid Quarterly!