

Speaker, Celeste Ogden, and her husband joined our orchid club about three years ago. Like many of us, they were immediately hooked on growing orchids. Celeste grows several types of orchids on her property in a variety of growing areas including outside in her trees, a Florida room, and on a windowsill in her home. Located on a windowsill in the living room is her collection of three lady's slipper orchids or *Paphiopedilums* (Paphs). Although these orchids have not bloomed for her yet, she enjoys their presence within the living room and appreciates their intricate foliage. For growing Paphs on a windowsill she recommends a window with bright but not direct light, preferably with an east-west or shaded southern exposure. Her plants prefer a daytime temperature range of 70-85F and night time temperatures of 55-60F. A key to successfully growing her plants indoors has been to never let them completely dry out. She grows her Paphs in pots that sit directly on top of saucers, to which she adds a small amount of fresh water each day. She feeds her plants regularly using a 10-10-10 fertilizer mixture and suggests repotting plants every 1-2 years in a well-drained potting medium. Although Celeste grows several varieties of orchids, she has developed a fondness for the lady's slipper family and her plants on the living room window have become a special part of her orchid collection.