

# BROOKSIDE QUARTERLY

OCT-DEC 2024

Volume 01

***Aliceara Memoria Donald Yamada***  
(Mem. Jay Yamada X Onc. Fort Point)



**PLANT OF THE QUARTER \$27.50**

Grow it indoors or out in temperate zones. Give the plants semi-bright light with night temperatures between around 55 and 65 degrees. Watering intervals can vary based on your environment, but around once a week will likely be enough. The aim is to keep the moss medium just moist rather than continually soggy. Touch the moss. If your fingertip feels cool, there's water. If you can't tell, wait a day. Feed once a month.

## ***SOME ORCHIDS REST...***

As the end of the year approaches and weather turns darker and cooler many orchids enter a season of rest. The main signs are a significant or total loss of leaves and a lack of new growth. Of the commonly grown orchids this includes many Dendrobiums (not all) and Cycnoches,

Catasetums and their relatives. During this time-roughly between October and February-reduced watering and the elimination of fertilizer are recommended. Reduced watering means just enough to keep pseudobulbs or canes from shriveling (e.g. once a month). Some orchids (mainly Dendrobiums) may need a little "nudge" to get the rest going. This can be accomplished by moving the plants to a significantly cooler area and the withholding of water and fertilizer.

The rest is over when new growth appears as early as January or as late as March depending somewhat on the type of orchid and your location. If you're unsure of the rest requirements for your species or hybrid involving it, check the website of the International Orchid Species Encyclopedia (IOSPE) at [orchidspecies.com](http://orchidspecies.com). Once new growth appears, repot as necessary and give an abundance of water and food.