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"Orchids for Dummies" A Must Read

Promoted as "the fun and easy way to grow the world's most amazing flowers," Steven A. Frowine's new orchid book belongs in every orchid hobbyist library. The 260-some page soft back is packed with photos including eight pages in full color and a handy guide on how to select the right orchids, keep them healthy, encourage blooms and even propagate your own plants.

Contents at a glance cover –

- Best Orchids for Rookies
- Ten Easiest Orchids to Grow
- Ten Most Frequently Asked Questions
- Ten Most Common Reasons Why Orchids Don't Bloom
- Ten Most Common Ways Orchids Are Killed

Author Frowine is a professional horticulturalist who grows more than 200 orchids in his Connecticut home. He first started growing orchids under lights when he was in high school. He tended orchids professionally as a horticulturalist, when he worked in

Hawaii at the National Tropical Botanical Garden and at the Missouri Botanical Garden, where he was Chairman of Indoor Horticulture and managed one of the largest orchid collections in the United States – over 10,000 plants.

"Orchid names are in Latin, which is a challenge for most people to pronounce and remember. Don't worry about it. Just get into these names gradually. With such a complex group of plants comes names and jargon to match. This aspect of orchid growing is what scares most people off. Don't let this happen to you! They are just names and words that scientists have assigned to plants because they had to call them something."

Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids, Galway, New York, served as the technical editor of this highly educational and enjoyable read. A copy has been donated to the ROA library. Frowine's second book, "Fragrant Orchids," will be released this fall.

- Bayne Hawkins