



EXPLORE THE WORLD ORCHIDS

There is a special grace to the long, arching stem of the orchid. Each breath of air sends the graceful flowers fluttering and dancing. Millions of people have been introduced to the beautiful and rewarding world of orchids. McDonald Garden Center has *one of the largest collections of orchids in Hampton Roads* with a myriad of types and varieties. Below are some of the types you will find.

MOTH ORCHID - also known as *Phalaenopsis* are thick-leaved plants with elegant, arching sprays of blooms that can be seen in many design magazines and sitting on coffee tables across America. Color range includes whites, pinks, lavenders and yellows in both solid colors and mixes of stripes and spots. *Phalaenopsis* flowers offer both exotic form and superb longevity.

MINI MOTH ORCHID - New on the scene, are the miniature *Phalaenopsis*. The small two-inch pot will easily fit on your windowsill. And, the colorful little flowers will last for months. Try grouping several together on a mirror or platter to create a unique centerpiece for your dining room or coffee table.

DANCING LADY - or *Oncidium* is named due to its flowers resembling the movement of dancing ladies. Sherry Baby is spectacular in its festive splashes of maroon and white. It shares a wonderful chocolate scent floating up from dozens of tiny blossoms. The flowers appear to be soft and delicate, but the petals have a firm, almost leathery feel.

LADY SLIPPER - or *Cypripedioideae* get their name from the showy, slipper-shaped flower. The blooms are especially long-lasting and the foliage is handsome and compact. These orchids seem ready-made for typical home conditions and will bloom from early June to mid July.

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