



SEED OF THE MONTH:

Common Name: Yellow Popcorn Orchid, Dancing Lady

Scientific Name: Oncidium

Family: Orchidaceae

Genus: Oncidium

Species: *Oncidium altissimum*

Height:

Spacing:

Sun Exposure:

5 feet

plant in individual containers

3 hrs. of full sun or bright diffused light
in a local green house

Bloom Color: Anytime of the year but generally the bloom is heaviest in the Fall and Spring.

Bloom Time: Can last from 2-3 months. When the flowers wither, the flowering stalk should be removed at the point on the plant where it emerged.

Soil Requirements: Orchid bark is a happy solution for these plants and should be repotted every 1-2 years when the plant has outgrown the container. The plant can be divided when there are 6 or more pseudo-bulbs, leaving 3 growths for each division. Plant the older part of the plant to the back of the container leaving room up front for new growth.

Water Requirements: Water once every 7 days or when the potting media looks like it's beginning to dry out. To be sure it's ready for watering. You can stick a chopstick down into the potting mix about 3 inches deep and let it sit a minute or two. If it's wet or muddy when you pull it up then wait another day or so before watering. This plant does not like a lot of minerals in its water so using distilled or rain water would be ideal. Use this link to learn how you can capture your own rain water.

<http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/cssweb/display.cfm?sid=2091>

Propagation Methods: The plant can be divided when there are 6 or more pseudo-bulbs, leaving 3 growths for each division. Plant the older part of the plant to the back side of the container leaving room up front for new growth. When repotting be careful to minimize root breakage. You want to remove any mushy, black or paper like roots, keeping only the white, tan roots.

Known Uses: Great indoor plant and should be placed in bright diffused light at an East or South side window.

Other Characteristics: Their thick waxy leaves retain water.