



The first of the winter orchids has bloomed. This yellow phalaenopsis helps brighten the window up here. Seems we are getting off to a slow start this year, maybe because many of these plants have been here for over 5 years now! Since the light didn't do the color justice, I brought it outside and took a pix in the sun.



New features are being added to this site. **GARDEN GIVEAWAY** will feature a weekly garden freebie of some sort, or coupon. This week it's a free catalog from the NY Botanical Garden of their classes. What is of special interest are the short DIG IN classes being given on Saturdays at various locations including midtown Manhattan, the Botanical Garden itself and in Westchester County, NY. The classes cover everything from container gardening to identifying edible species of plants locally. Look into the pdf to find out more. The Garden Giveaway link appears on the left hand column under the poll.

Let us know where you are with your garden planning for this year. Based on responses we can tailor info we present. For instance, if more people are interested in seed starting we will feature that. Or, if more are interested in buying plants we can hunt down sources for that topic.

The third new feature is called **REVIEWS YOU CAN USE**. I am a customer of my own My City Garden Store. The store features items that have been picked out for relevance to gardening in small urban spaces. I'll give a short review of items I have bought and actually use. I just bought a indoor greenhouse/rack, so you can see a short review of that purchase. The link appears in the main menu.

