



# The Tampensis

MARCH 2020

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

From the desk of the President

March 20, 2020

For those of you who don't know, I am a virtual employee. That means I always work from home, there is no office to go to. That also means every chance I get I'm out that door, gone, doing something keeping busy and sadly, neglecting my orchids.

This voluntary social distancing has changed a bit of that for me. My industry is meeting planning, clients aren't meeting, therefore work isn't keeping me at my pc. I've been forced to be professionally idle and worry about everything, finances included. So, I've turned to my love, my source of normal in an abnormal world, a place that always calms my mind: my greenhouse. It is in working with the plants where my mind is free to wander and discover, or rediscover how and what I'm really thinking and feeling when all the noise is removed.

What I've rediscovered is it's our relationships and experiences that matter the most. Each plant tells me of the story of how it came to live with me. One or two, remind me of sitting with Ed Gilliland discussing the merits of a particular hybrid. Another of sitting with Tom Ritter and Pat Pace over sangria and Cheetos as they reminisced over the Baton Rouge show and having the 'it' plant that year: C. Mary Lynn McKenzie 'Nature's Masterpiece'. Another tells me of a time with Tom Ritter when Jim Krull stopped by to print labels. We sat and I listened as he and Tom shared a few stories of the good ol' orchid days. And another of Bob Clifford explaining why it's important to know and pay attention to the cultivar name(s) as you select plants. Each plant has a story; a shared memory. Some stories moisten the eyes a little, some a smirk, all a smile.

As I'm tending to the plants today, I'm creating new memories as I swap current bloom photos with friends and discuss what they think is wrong with this leaf; bugs or fungus. It all comes down to relationships.

So, please my friends, don't let the noise of life get in the way of who and what is important to you.

Above all, stay well.

Lori Erlacher

# March Ribbon Winners



**Vanda**  
Christata x V. Miami Snow Drop  
Owner: Stuart



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V. Christensonians  
Owner: Stuart



**Other Vandaceous Alliance**  
V. Motes Adorbs x (V. Ampulla  
Owner: Georgeanne Lewiscea X V.  
Chrisensonian



**Phal. Species and Hybrids**  
Sedirea japonica  
Owner: ?????



**Paph. & Phrags Species & Hybrids**  
Paph. Michael Koopwsitz  
Owner: ?????



**Oncidium Species & Hybrids**  
Onc. Splendidum  
Owner: Maren Aleman



**Deciduous Dendrobiums Species & Hybrids**  
Den. Exotic Rainbow Sherbert  
Owner: Sharon Cowman



**Evergreen Dendrobiums Species & Hybrids**  
Den. Spectabile  
Owner: Sharon Cowman



**Misc. Species & Hybrids**  
Bulb. ramosii  
Owner: Rich Lane

## March Ribbon Winners



**Deciduous Dendrobiums Species 7 Hybrids**  
**Den. Green Lantern**  
**Owner: David Genovese**



**Large Flowered Cattleya Hybrids**  
**Blc. Ports of Paradise**  
**Owner: Marcia Oglesby**



**Small Flowered Cattleya Alliance Hybrids**  
**Rechara Frances Fox Sunspots**  
**Owner: Steve Balderson**



**Cat. Alliance Species**  
**Schomburgkia Ludemanniana**  
**Owner: Terry Scott**  
**(Stock Photo)**



**Cultural Specimen**  
**Bc. Hawaian Agenda 'Florida Winter'**  
**Owner: Cari Johnson**

**APRIL MEETING  
IS CANCELLED.**

**WHEN INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MEETINGS  
AND  
THE RESCHEDULING OF OUR  
OURCHID SHOW IS AVAILABLE,  
THE SOCIETY WILL SEND AN EMAIL NOTIFYING  
YOU ABOUT THE PARTICULARS...**



**STAY SAFE,  
AND REMEMBER...**

**THIS ALSO SHALL PASS**

**FOLLOW ALL OFFICIAL GUIDELINES**

**KEEP YOUR FAMILY CLOSE**

**HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELF**

**WE WILL PREVAIL!**

# Membership Happenings

See Ed Eldridge to pay  
dues

Or send to:

3631 Hawthorne Lane

Winter Park, FL 32792

Individual \$20.00

Couple \$35.00

Under 18 yrs. \$15.00

## Thank you

To all  
those who  
donated  
food for  
our March  
meeting.

### April Birthdays

2 — Carolyn Peters

8— Edgar Perez

11—Ed Gilliland

11— Frans VanSteen

21— Mark Robinson

23—Maren Aleman

26— Edna Flynn

29— Mary Krese



### April Anniversaries

5—Steve Balderson

9— Brenda Ellington

12— Ron McHatton & Randy Young

17— Mary Zubrod Pinkham



**Sunshine Chairman,** Robin Buckler says if you know of any member Who is ill, going in for surgery or has something to celebrate, please email her at

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Established in 1948, the **Central Florida Orchid Society (CFOS)** is one of the oldest organizations of its type in the United States. Our members are mostly from Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia counties, but we also have active members throughout Central Florida. Our members come from all walks of life and several nationalities. This diverse group is made up of doctors, lawyers, housewives, retired couples as well as professional growers alike. We all have the common bond of our love and enjoyment of the beautiful plants called orchids!

Whether you have one orchid or a thousand, there are many benefits and rewards you can reap by becoming a member. Upon joining CFOS, you will begin to receive our monthly newsletter, which will keep you informed of "study group" activities as well as upcoming CFOS events. you will also receive "early announcements" of special public sales held by our member growers.

The monthly general meetings are a time when all the members have a chance to get together and share orchid growing experiences. The General Meetings are held on the second Monday evening of the month at 7:00 PM at the Leu Botanical Gardens. The monthly programs are presented by local, national and world-renown speakers and cover a wide variety of orchid topics. Books and videos may also be checked out from the CFOS, well stocked library.

Every summer CFOS hosts an extravagant orchid show and in the fall we hold a large orchid auction. This gives members a great opportunity to purchase beautiful plants at bargain prices. Proceeds from the Annual Fall Auction benefit the CFOS Scholarships and other interests.

**There is one other active study group within CFOS:**

- **Cultural Study Group:** For those members interested in learning about the care and culture of various genera, the Cultural Study Group meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Leu Botanical Gardens. Meetings stress the basics of orchid growing, and maintenance. Members are urged to bring their "problem plants" in for discussion. This group is also very active at area shows and may take occasional field trips.

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### INTEREST GROUPS

<b>Cultural Study</b>	<b>Teri Scott</b>
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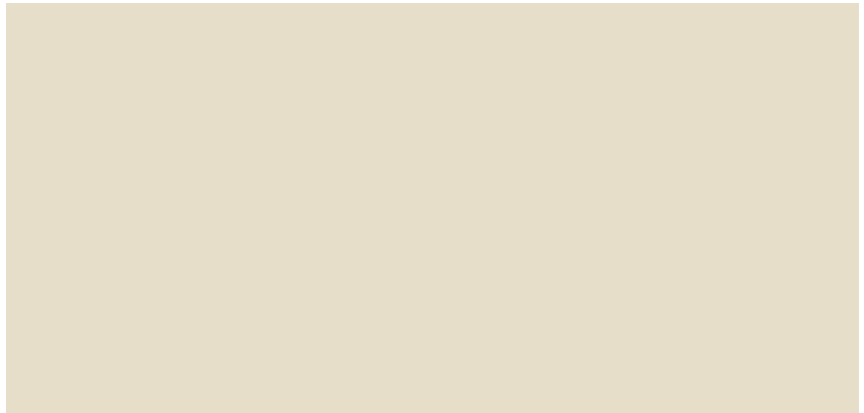
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Membership Dues can be paid on our web site. Thanks-Ed Eldridge

**April 2020**

## **CFOS Calendar of Events**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2 No Cul- ture meeting</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13 NO meeting</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>		