

The Tampensis

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Orchid Checklist for
March and April



A Note from the Editor



As a new board member, I am so happy to have all of us together and almost back to normal.

After 2 meetings with the new board members, it is exciting to see the new ideas for growing our society and making it fun every month. There will be some help requests coming up in the next couple of months for help with our annual member auction, our public auction as well as our annual show. The money these events raise help keep our dues yearly dues low. Even with the increase to \$30 per year, that is still only \$2.50 per month! That's less than one cup of coffee during your morning stop.

If you are like me, not having served on any board or committee for an event as large as the auctions and show, it can seem daunting to volunteer to help. What you may not know is, we have former committee members that are willing to mentor anyone who is interested in learning how to help with these events. Jeanne Blankenship and I will be taking advantage of this mentorship program, because we want to keep this society going long term. We would love to have a few others join us. And don't forget! With the new Orchid Bucks program, you could earn enough to get yourself some new orchids!

If you would like to find out more information about helping with these events, please reach out to one of the board members and we will gladly answer all of your questions.

Can't wait to see all of your smiles on March, 14th.

CFOS Editor
Jeanne Brenan

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February Winners



Paph. Phrags Species & Hybrids
Paph. Norita Hawsage
Owner Georgeanne Lewis



Evergreen Dendrobium Species & Hybrids
Den. Friedericksianum
Owner Maren Aleman



Large Cattleya Alliance Hybrid
No ID
Owner Jeanne Brenan



Small Cattleya Alliance Hybrid
Rlc. Dick Smith 'Paradise'
Owner Maren Aleman



Dec. Dendrobium Species
Den Yukidaruma 'The King'
Owner Sharon Cowman



Misc. Species & Hybrids
B. Little Stars
Owner Samanthat Starr

Don't forget to bring in your blooming beauties for judging each month.
You might win a ribbon too!



January

1 - Ed Eddridge	15 - Frank Smith
3 - Ralph Huber	18 - Pricilla Debler
4 - Roger Mabini	22 - Vickie Oglesby
5 - Kieth Ricklick	24 - Pat Fusco
12 - Larry Shatzer	29 - Melody Barnett
14 - Robert Wu	30 - Carmen Perkins

February

2 - Gerrie VanBreeman	16 - Mary Zubrod-Pinkham
6 - Jean Gilliland	28 - Larry Rosen
11 - Joanne Little	29 - Robert Bennett
15 - Marsha Hearl	



1-1 2011
 1-1-2020
 1-9-2013
 1-17-1996
 1-18
 1-25
 1-27-1983
 1-28-1996
 1-30-2011
 2-1- 2001
 2-3-2015
 2-17-2003

Teri Scott
 Jay Shafer
 Emilie & Jim Tumilty
 Don & Wanda Sarles
 James Sabetto
 Mark & Shirley Robinson
 Nancy Hoffman
 Marjorie Scarlett
 Larry Rosen
 Tim & Ralph Huber
 Jane Poche'
 Gretchen Schitter

Culture Group

For those members interested in hands-on learning for the care and culture of all types of orchids, the Cultural Study Group meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00PM at Leu Botanical Gardens. The next meeting will be held April 7, 2022. Members are encouraged to bring in their "problem plants" for show and tell and for guidance on how to address those problems. Membership for this group is \$5 annually. Teri Scott oversees this meeting and is a wealth of information that she gladly shares.

Membership is now due and can be paid at our meeting with cash, check or credit card and on the website with a credit card. [MEMBER SALES](#)

Yearly dues:

Individual - \$30 Couple - \$45 Under 18 - \$15



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Cattleya Although March is, in many parts of the country, still a cold and blustery month, the lengthening days and warmer temperatures allowed by increased light are long-awaited harbingers of the coming change of season. Some of the best standard cattleyas of the year will be in bloom or will be blooming soon. The last of the winter-flowering hybrids will join the earliest of the spring hybrids in a wonderful display. Be on the alert for senescing sheaths that need removal. If these yellowing sheaths are not removed, the moisture they trap can lead to bud rot. Careful removal of the sheath will allow the buds to develop, although they will need additional support. Changing light conditions can also be a problem in March and April. An exceptionally bright day, especially immediately following a rain, can lead to sunburn of the foliage if shading is not attended to properly. There can still be periods of dull days where spikes can weaken owing to the lower light. Lengthening days will mean increased metabolic rates necessitating increased water and fertilizer. The plants will indicate needs by drying more rapidly, which means more frequent watering and fertilizing.

With the passing of the season for winter bloomers, and the beginning of the season for spring bloom, it is also the time to be on the lookout for plants that will need potting after they bloom. Immediately after blooming has proven to be the best time to repot winter- and spring-flowering cattleyas. In most cases, they will be ready to grow roots, so if potted at this time, they will root right into fresh mix with little or no setback.

Cymbidium Plants should be putting on a spectacular show this time of year. Adjust all staking and twist-ties and be on the lookout for aphids, slugs, and snails. Give adequate water because flowering strains the plants. As new growths appear later, increase the nitrogen level in the fertilizer. Should a plant look healthy but not be blooming, try increasing the light during the next growing season. The number-one reason for no flowers is lack of light.

Dendrobium (*Australian*) These hard-cane dendrobiums will be at their flowering peak now. It is not unusual to see a specimen of this type in an orchid show boasting 1,000 flowers. The secret with this group -- bred primarily from *Dendrobium kingianum* and *Dendrobium speciosum* -- is to provide ample water, fertilizer, and light during the growing season.

Lycaste This genus of superb orchids will be coming to the end of its flowering season. Soon you will see the beginning of new root growth, which is an excellent time to repot into fresh media. As new growth emerges, provide ample fertilizer and water. A sign of good culture is an increase in the size of pseudobulbs with each successive year.

Miltoniopsis This marks the beginning of the flowering season. Amazing displays of color will dazzle the grower over the next few months. Prepare your plants for optimum display by staking spikes (if needed) and cleaning off the older yellow foliage. Do not miss the wonderful fragrance as the flowers unfold.

Paphiopedilum March is the beginning of the season of heaviest potting for lady's-slipper orchids. However, it is a month where the volume of plants needing attention is still small. It is an excellent month to take the time to work with your paphiopedilums before the pressure of other potting prevents you doing the thorough job you should. Look at each plant: Is it clean of dead and dying foliage? Is it weed free? Does it need potting? Is it in spike? Does it have an insect problem? Cleaning and restaging your paphs is one of the most satisfying tasks of the orchid year. Cleaned and potted paphiopedilums look happy.

The summer-blooming types will be showing the first of their buds in March and April. Be on the lookout for the buds, as well as any insect pests that may have found their way into the crowns of your plants. It is especially difficult to clean mealybugs, in particular once they have become established in the plant. Better to get to them before they get a good toehold.

Increasing light levels should give emerging spikes the strength they need to grow straight and strong. Do not be too anxious to stake the spikes, because if they are staked too soon, the flowers may develop a "nodding" stance,

where the dorsal will not stand upright. If the spikes seem to develop at an angle, let them, and stake after the flower has hardened for best carriage, especially on the hybrids with fairieanum background.

Phalaenopsis In most of the country, March is the peak blooming month for phalaenopsis. Staking needs to be carefully attended to, so that the flowers will be displayed at their best for orchid shows and judging -- even those intended for your home will look best if properly staked. One of the most decorative aspects of phalaenopsis spikes is the way they gracefully arch. If not staked properly, the spike will lack this grace and will not be as pleasing. Most growers like to have the final support just below the first flower, allowing maximum support, without sacrificing the beauty of the arching spike. Rapid-growing spikes and open flowers place extra demands on the plant. Careful monitoring of watering and feeding will give the plants the energy they require to give their best floral display. Remember, too, that the lengthening days will also increase the frequency at which plants need water.

Beware of the invasion of sucking pests that accompany the flowering season. Flowers and spikes are favorite targets of mealybugs and scales. Be on the lookout for their presence, often indicated by the appearance of sooty mold resulting from the exudate of the bugs and treat before flowers or buds are too advanced. If flowers and buds are too far along, the chemical treatment may damage or abort them.

Pleurothallids Members in this large and increasingly popular group will be looking their best now. If plants are not in flower, the next few months provide an excellent time to divide if needed or repot into fresh mix. Taking care of these tasks now will allow enough time for your plants to become established before the hot weather arrives.

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!
Eileen Hector
AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay. Articles like this can be found on the AOS website and in the archived issues of ORCHIDS.

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	March 16, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday	March 22, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	April 19, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	April 27, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday
Topic	The Story of Jewel Orchids Glistening Gems of the Forest Floor	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) Send in your Questions!	More on Modern LED Lighting Answering Your Questions	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) Send in your Questions!
Presenter	Nicholas Rust Orchid hybridizer with a passion for terrestrials	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Kelly McCracken Owner High Desert Orchids, Miniature Orchid Specialist	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer



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MARCH 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	Culture Group 7pm 3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Turn Clocks Forward 13	CFOS Meeting 7pm 14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Society membership dues can be paid at one of our meetings or on our website