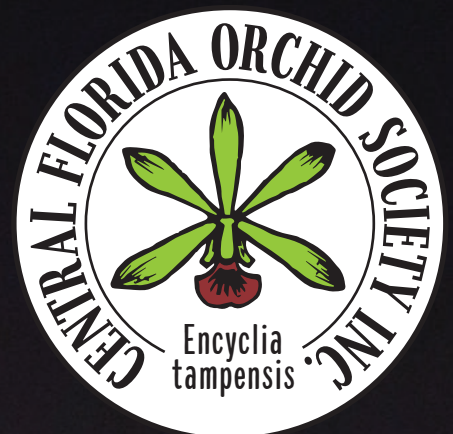
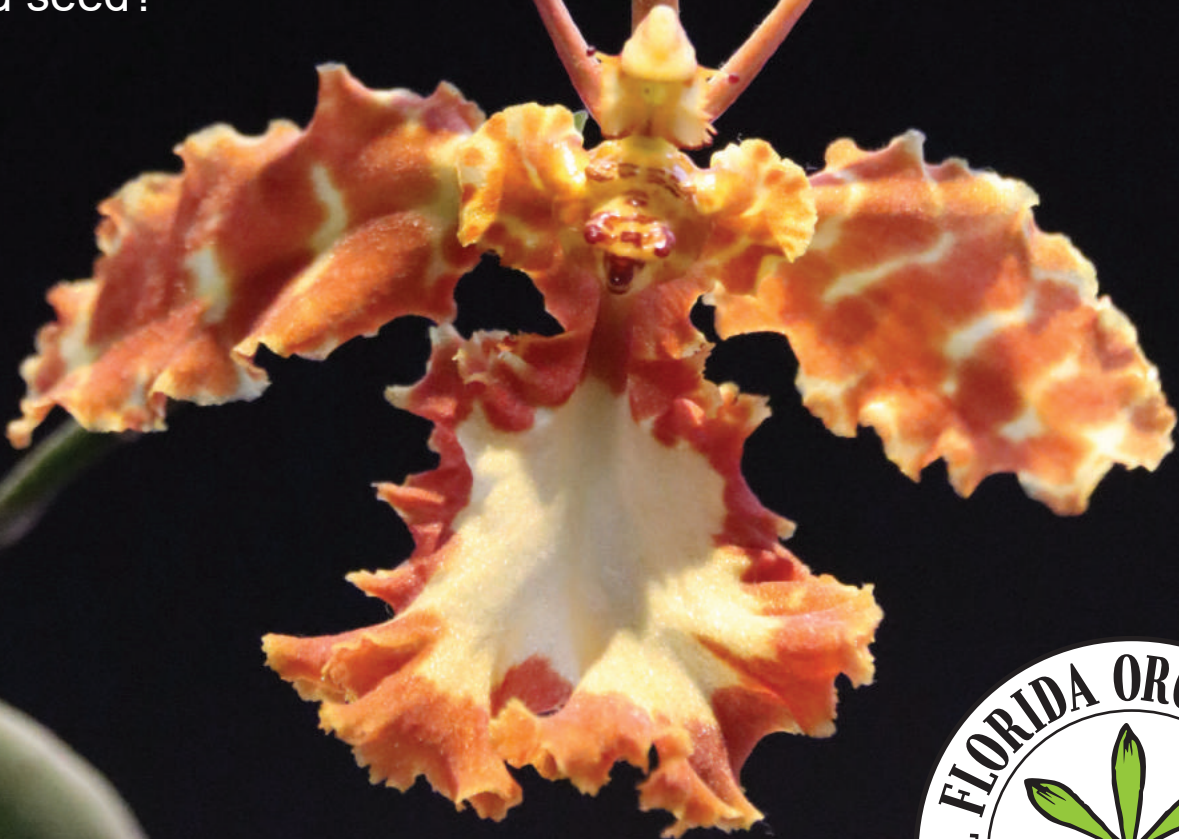


The Tampensis

March 2022

Inside:

Always been told a mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds? Have YOU ever seen an orchid seed?



A Note from the Editor



It was great seeing so many smiles out from behind the masks. It was also awesome seeing so many new faces. With all of the detailed information shared by our AOS speaker, Ron McHatton, it was a near perfect meeting.

As most of you already know, Leu Gardens will be undergoing renovations this summer so we will not have use of their facilities. The board members have been working to find alternatives to going back to Zoom meetings and are finalizing the details. We appreciate your patience in dealing with these changes, but hopefully it will provide us with a more comfortable environment when we are permitted to return.

The Orchid Bucks program has been growing and more people are earning bucks for their “new orchid” fund. If you aren’t familiar with this program that pays YOU to volunteer some of your time and resources to our society, check out last months newsletter, or ask one of the Board members for details.

I will be starting up the Member Spotlight again next month. If you would like to be featured, please see me at a meeting or email me directly.

CFOS Editor
Jeanne Brenan

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CFOS Annual Show
June 3, 4 & 5, 2022

Auction
Fall 2022



February Winners



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Robert Molpus



Oeoniella polystechys
Owner Marge Fantozzi



Angraecum Leonis
Owner Marge Fantozzi



Bc. Yellow Bird



Den. Ansomum



Den. Nobile Love Memory
Owner Alida Eldridge



Vanda Loke

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

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Pot. Mariah x Lc. Indian
Mountain



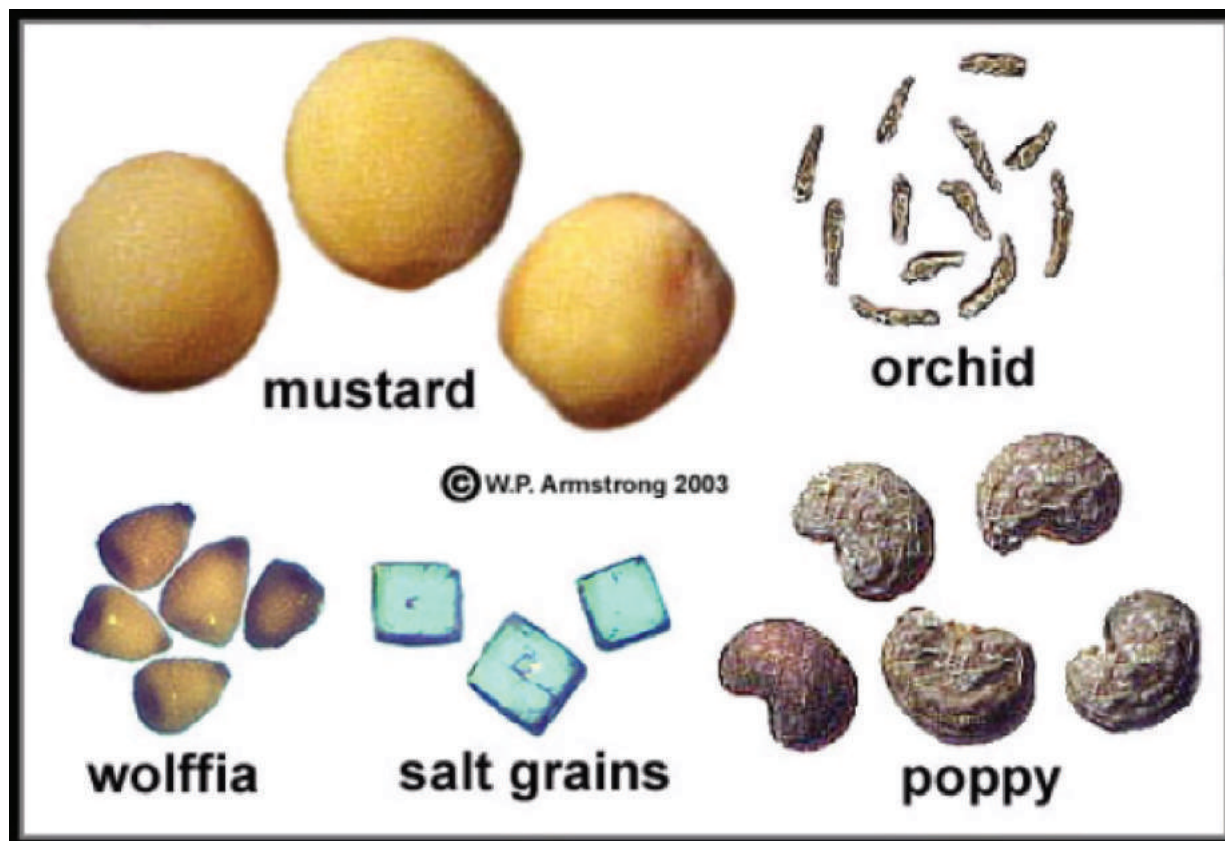
Maxillaria Tenuifolia Yamada
Owner Nancy Balderson



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One of my coworkers showed me this one day. I found it very interesting so I thought I would share it with you.

Jeanne Brennan





March

2 - Connie Fox
6 - Jean Gilliland
11 - Joanne Little
19 - Althea Montgomery

25 - Bill Tomaszewski
30 - Samantha Starr
31 - Giselle Porto

April

2 - Gerrie VanBreeman
4 - Lita Marie Moody
8 - Edgar Perez
21 - Mark Robinson
23 - Maren Aleman
25 - Michael Cimato
28 - Mary Krese



3-3-1996
3-22-2021
3-25-2017
3-29-2011

*Debi & Kevin Johnson
Samantha Starr
Vickie Oglesby
Cari Johnson*

4-22-2021
4-30-2004

*Diane Campbell
Mary Zubrod-Pinkham*

Marleny Chakola
Kishimah Drummond
Suzanne Farmsworth
Glennnda & Nilo Gutierrez
Julissa & Troy Holm
Tim & Ralph Huber
Pat Jackowski
David Legman
John Manasco
Sandra McGauley
Jo-Eveline Nisewanger
Arundhati Sarvotham
Heather Vazquez



To Our New Members

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.



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Let's Grow Together

Spring is busting out all over – in some parts of the country anyway...As much as we have moved forward during the last two years under this very unpopular pandemic, there are still areas where holding a major group function is a concern. If you are in one of those areas, don't despair. Be sure to check in frequently with your society members and let them know brighter days are ahead.

Meanwhile, take expert care of your orchid collections. Tune into webinars and orchid study groups. Make new orchid friends. Join presentations offered remotely by neighboring or distant orchid societies. Read ORCHIDS magazine (exclusive AOS individual member benefit) from cover to cover. Dive into the magazine archives and experience orchids through the ages. Discover the world of AOS awards through OrchidPro (exclusive AOS member benefit). Browse the AOS website for pronunciation guides, pest control, care and culture information, book reviews, and more. There are many benefits of membership in the AOS and loads of resources for all levels of orchid growers.

Be hopeful that a new season of orchids is just around the corner.

From the AOS website... **WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR WHEN I BUY AN ORCHID?**

Many consumers, both retail and retailer, find themselves in a position today of having to make purchase-oriented decisions about an entirely new -- to them, at least -- class of plants: orchids. What should they be looking for? How can the purchase dollar be maximized? How can the best shelf life -- of vital importance for both the retail and retailing consumer -- be obtained?

Here are three helpful hints:

The Plant

Should be in proportion to the container, have roots in the media, be clean and unblemished, turgid and medium green, free of visible pests.

The Flowers

Should be lustrous and held well above the foliage on a strong, well-supported spike, be unblemished and free of fungal spotting, have some buds yet to open (never, ever accept a plant with flowers open to the tip of the spike, as it is impossible to judge flower life after all flowers have opened), and have a generally appealing aspect that fits with your decor.

The Vendor

Is the overall aspect one of cleanliness and order? Do the production plants look good? Is the staff attentive and interested in your welfare? Can they answer the most elementary of your questions? Selecting an orchid plant isn't really that different from any other flowering plant purchase, including the satisfaction that comes with the proper decision. *The AOS thanks Ned Nash for this essay.*

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-care/what-should-i-look-for-when-i-buy-an-orchid.aspx>

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- 1) If you can find a suitable location outdoors to grow your orchids during the warm season, they will grow like mad and you will be rewarded with a plethora of flowers during their blooming season.
- 2) Grow your orchids on a screen porch, under pergola, in a shade house, on a fence, under a tree, hanging from shepherd hooks or anywhere where they will receive copious quantities of fresh air along with the proper light and water during the growing season.
- 3) This pergola has a polypropylene roof and shade cloth covering so the amount of rainfall and light can be controlled. Stanhopeas grow under the shadier center of the structure with laelias and laeliocattleyas that need higher light growing on the bright edges, along with a smattering of tillandsias.



You can visit The Central Florida Orchid Society on the web where you can get information about upcoming events, see who next month's speaker is, read about our society's history, find some great resource links for care of your orchids, and pay your dues.

Check us out at <https://cflorchidsociety.org>



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Like the "Central Florida Orchid Society group" on Facebook. We post details about all of our events, meetings and shows. There is an amazing collection of pictures of our orchids from previous events and judgments, as well as an open forum for questions and discussion. Click on the link below and join in on the fun!!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cflorchidsociety>

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](#)

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