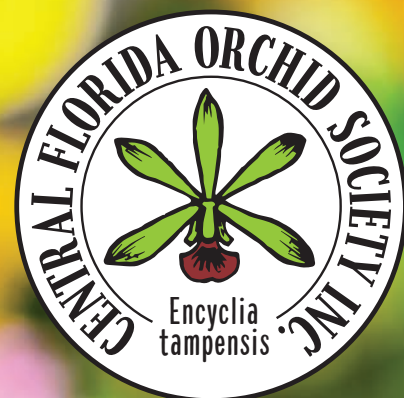


# The Tampensis

April 2022

Inside:  
Catasetinae  
Spring Care



# A Note from the President



## Off-site events & Happy Growing!

It's already hot but still too dry to let Mother Nature take care of her plants. Please be mindful of watering habits, fertilizing etc.!

A suitable venue for our annual show has been elusive at best. Because of this, your Board has decided to postpone the annual orchid show. We are just as disappointed as you and our vendors.

For July and August regular meetings, we are doing something out of the ordinary. We will be heading off site for Saturday morning programs. One will take place at Krull Smith the other at Orchids in Bloom. Details will be available shortly.

Thank you everyone for being a part of our group!

CFOS President  
Lori Erlacher

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### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

#### **CFOS Annual Member Auction**

***June 13, 2022***

**Auction**

***Fall October 2022***





# April Winners



Photos credit  
Robert Molpus



Misc. Species and Hybrids  
Zygo. Advance Australia  
Owner Samantha Star



Misc. Species and Hybrids  
Epic. Jackie Bright  
Owner Samantha Star



Paph. Species and Hybrids  
Paph. Bellatam Red x self  
Owner Alida Eldridge



Phal. Species & Hybrid  
Phal Younghome Pixie  
Owner Dana Brotz



Culture Specimine Plant  
Den. Usitarea  
Owner Alida Eldridge



Ascocenda  
No ID  
Owner Sheila Coburn



Vanda  
V. Pure Wax Blue  
Owner Sheila Coburn



Misc. Species & Hybrid  
C. Skinneri Alba  
Owner unknownv



Paph. Species and Hybrids  
Ansellia gigantea  
Owner Cari Johnson



Cattleya Alliance. Species  
Rlc. Memoria 'Grant Eichler'  
Owner Samantha Star



Dec. Den. Species & Hybrid  
Den. Pinbrium  
Owner Jeanne Brenan

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



## April

2 - Gerrie VanBreeman  
4 - Lita Marie Moody  
8 - Edgar Perez

21 - Mark Robinson  
23 - Maren Aleman  
25 - Michael Cimato  
28 - Mary Krese

## May

10 - Teri Scott  
15 - Nancy McGill  
16 - Al Supplee  
16 - Sandy Groves

17 - Marge Fantozzi  
17 - Paul Little  
24 - Diane Campbell  
31 - Steve Balderson



5-2-1976 Larry Shatzer



To Our New Members

Tina Hepner  
Evelyn Delights  
Carol Zito  
Jana Evans

## 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 May 5, 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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## **MEMBERS ONLY WEBINAR**



The Bird, The Bees, and the Orchids  
Doug Martin, Wednesday, May 4, 2022  
Availability : Member-Only

***So how DO these flowers reproduce...what pollinates them?***

Would you like to know the answer to this question and much more? These webinars are presented twice a month providing valuable information from top growers and members of the orchid society family. You can have access to all previous webinars, current ones, as well as the AOS magazine every month as just a few of the benefits of membership for to The American Orchid Society.

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It's officially spring, and your Catasetinae should be getting started on their growing season. Some of you along the southern edge of the country have already started watering and fertilizing. I am hearing reports from southern growers that many plants now have new growths that are 6-12" tall with new roots approximately 3-6" long. This is the time to start watering and fertilizing! Growers farther north (myself included) may still have a few weeks until the new roots are 3-6" long. Remember that not all Catasetinae come out of dormancy at the same time, so you may have some plants showing well-developed roots while others will be just starting to root. Begin

watering and fertilizing plants that are ready and hold off on the ones still needing more time; this is a good practice to develop.

During this time of year, Catasetinae like lots of light, warmth, humidity and air movement. Be sure your plants are getting the correct conditions now, as this will really help them get a good start on their seasonal growth.

Ideal temperatures in early spring are 60-70 degree nights and 75-85 degree days. Humidity should be 50% or higher to best support the plants and new roots.

When beginning to water, start slowly and gradually increase the frequency and quantity as the plants develop their pseudobulbs. I start the watering season using ½ tsp fertilizer per gallon of water and increase to 1 tsp per gallon as the days get longer and the plants experience high temperatures in July and August before switching back to ½ tsp per gallon in September and October.

Don't forget that Catasetinae prefer to be repotted or divided with the onset of new growth, just before or as the new roots start to show. If you have plants in 3" pots, wait until you see the start of a new growth, then unpot and add more moss around the existing medium to fit into a 4" pot.

Early in the growing season is when spider mites can get a foothold on your plants. Be diligent and check the undersides of the new leaves regularly. If mites are detected, spray immediately. Their populations can quickly get out of control if early action is not taken!

Here are the stages of growth and root development



No water.  
Growth just started



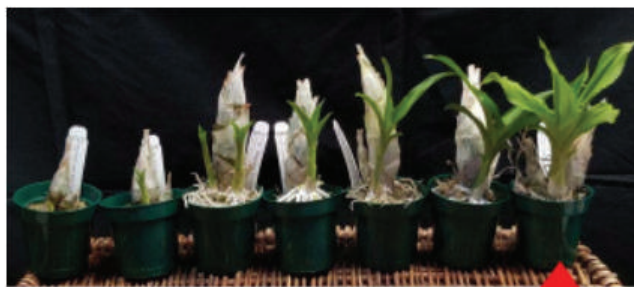
No water.  
Roots just starting to show.



Start watering now.  
Roots 3- 6"long and  
into the medium.



Fully rooted plant.  
Top growth 10". Water  
and fertilize regularly.



This is the plant size to begin watering



*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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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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