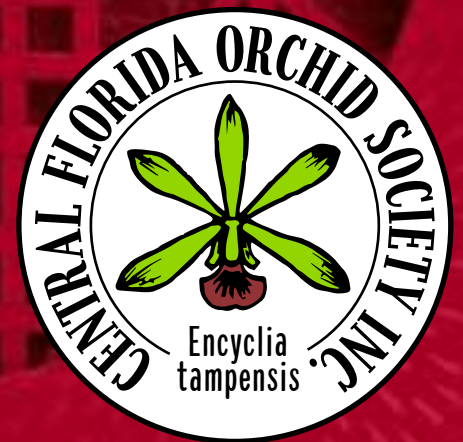


The Tampensis

December 2023

Happy New Year



A Note from the Editor



Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year from your CFOS board of directors.

We had an amazing holiday party at Krull-Smith. We thank all of the volunteers, those of you that brought the amazing food, of course, Krull-Smith for allowing us to use thier beautiful facilities and a special THANK YOU to Robin Buckler, Nancy Balderson and Jerry Steele for spending so much time coordinating the details to make it all come together successfully.

Your board of directors is working on a great schedule of speakers and events to make 2023 a great year for the society. We encourage you to talk to any of the board members if you have ideas or suggestions for 2023. This is after all, YOUR society and want you to enjoy every meeting and event.

We look forward to seeing everyone on January 9th at Leu Gardens for our regular monthly meeting. Don't forget to bring in any plants you have in bloom for judging.

CFOS Editor
Jeanne Brenan

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**NO January Culture
Group meeting**

CFOS meeting January 9th



November Winners



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Robert Molpus



Vascostylis Colmarie
Owner Clark Woods



Phal. Bellina
Owner Jerry Steele & Adrian



Paph. Pinochio
Owner Jeanne Brennan



Blc. Hillary Rodham Clinton
'First Lady'
Owner Cari Johnson



Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'
Owner Roger



B. Nodosa
Owner Samantha Starr



Bc. Mai Kai
Owner John Manasco



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Rlc. Taiwan Queen
'Kings Monkey'
Owner Jerry Steele & Adrian

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

November Winners



C. Jessie Lee 'Hawaii'
Owner Jo Nisewanger



Masd. Tonduzzi
Owner Jerry Steele & Adrian



Tolumnia Moriyama 'Invention'
Owner Samantha Starr

Holiday Party





November

2-John Beasley
8-Shirley Robinson
12-Alida Eldridge

20-Robin Buckler
27-Mickey O'Brien
29-Charles Chapman

December

6-Roy Onyette
10-Richard Stujenske
16-Mary Zubrod-Pinkham

20-Cari Johnson
29-Emilie Tumilty
31-Ann Parrish

Membership Anniversaries



Connie & Irvin Fox - 12/8
Pat Fusco - 12/8
Pat Jackowski - 12/18
Gail & Steve Jones - 12/26
Marcia & Bill Oglesby - 12/26
Helen & Bill Tomaszewski - 12/28
Brenda Walker - 12/31

Please remember to welcome and thank our
new Central Florida Orchid Society
2023 board 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. December and January meetings are cancelled due to Leu Garden's event. 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 \$10 annually due at the start of the calendar year.

Teri Scott oversees this meeting and is a wealth of information that she gladly shares.



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AOS Video Library

Have you taken advantage of the [AOS Video Library](#)? The library contains many useful, how-to-video clips on all aspects of orchid and culture. These videos are self-contained and do not require any player or other software. You may distribute them or link to them freely but opening and closing titles and acknowledgement may not be removed.

ORCHID CARE CORNER

Culture Care

The month of December brings changes to the life of an orchid. Days are shorter and cooler; the sunlight has less intensity and the nights are longer. In return, plants are slowing and ripening to get ready for winter. You are a mouse click away from the Checklist which provides what needs to be done in the months of November & December. If you wish to look ahead, you can find checklists for the whole year under our website's [Seasonal Orchid Care](#) section. Should you have different needs, we would like to hear from you.

Seasonal Diseases

Beware of diseases as you transition your plants to their winter homes. The reduction of light and air movement opens the door to diseases such as [Botrytis](#) and others. Knowing what diseases and ailments to be on the lookout for puts us ahead of the game.



Lions, Medicine, and Orchids...Oh my!

Barb Schmidt, Chair – Education Committee

What do lions, medicine, and orchids have in common? They are all connected through the Education Committee's 2021 grant program.

One of these grants went to the Brevard Zoo in Melbourne, FL. The Brevard Zoo is a 75-acre, native tropical Florida forest hammock location that attracts over 400,000 visitors each year. The zoo's goal was to place tropical and sub-tropical genera of orchids, along with educational signage, in the trees along the trails and walkways of the zoo to spark an interest in zoo visitors to learn more about orchids and how they grow.

A thousand miles northeast of there, the College of Physicians Mütter Museum in Philadelphia, PA, was using their grant money to create a small display of Dendrobium orchids traditionally used in medicine. This display is now part of the Benjamin Rush Medicinal Plant Garden, which was started shortly after the college began in 1787. An audio tour was created to explain the orchids and their medicinal use.

The Education Committee is now accepting applications for the 2023/2024 grant period. We are looking to promote a wide range of projects. Affiliation with a learning institution is preferred but not necessary. The main requirements are: "grants must develop, implement, maintain, and/or support comprehensive educational programs and activities that embrace learners of any age level." Grant projects can be smaller in scope, such as youth or community education projects held in conjunction with a society orchid show. Please email education_committee@aos.org if you would like to discuss a potential project.

Webinars-Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry.

Register now and view on your time schedule.

Greenhouse Chat Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.

Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

When	December Winter Break	January 04, 2023 8:30pm EST Wednesday	January 05, 2023 8:30pm EST Thursday
Topic	Choose Your Topic From RECORDED WEBINARS	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos & Questions by Jan. 02</i>	New Directions In Zygopetalinae
Presenter	Expert Growers, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, Conservationists and more	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Tim Culbertson Historian, AOS Judge, Hybridizer for SVO, SOA Board Member

Check Out the Timeless Collection of Recorded Webinars on the AOS Website



*Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook, Instagram
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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>

2023 Membership is now due and can be paid at our meeting with cash, check or credit card and on CFOS website with a credit card.

[MEMBER SALES](#)

Remember, you can also use your orchid bucks to pay your dues, too!

Yearly dues: Individual - **\$30** Couple - **\$45** Under 18 - **\$15**

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Rec. Secretary: Jeanne Blankenship
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Jerry Steele Samantha Starr Althea Montgomery Cari Johnson

2023 JANUARY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 CFOS Meeting 7pm	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				