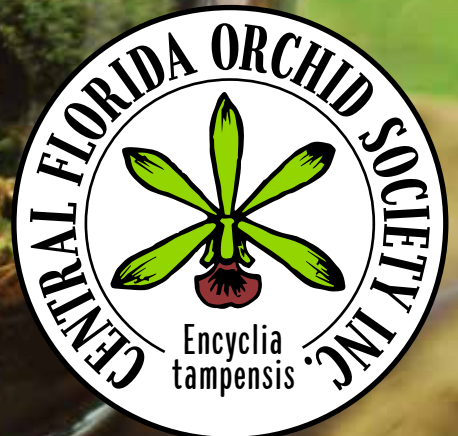


The Tampensis

March 2023

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A Note from our President

With spring almost here it's hard to believe my mind is on October already. Most of your board is terming out. If you have ever wanted to learn what being a board member is all about, please join our meetings. If you have ever considering being a board member this is a great time to start shadowing one of us. We are a fun group, I promise.

Speaking of spring, don't let your guard down. It's not unheard to have un-orchid-friendly weather into late April. Yes, even in this crazy early heat! For catasetum lovers, it's still too early to put them back out in regular watering, even in this heat. Wait until you see active growth.

Thank you everyone for being a part of our group!

CFOS President
Lori Erlacher



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3-4 CFOS Show

CFOS meeting March 13

WHEN VISITING THE NURSERY Plan a Day of Learning



JOIN US IN WELCOMING SPRING TO FLORIDA AT THE

Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival

April 14-16, 2023 • 9:00am-5:00pm

ADMISSION IS FREE! • PARKING IS FREE!

Top-Quality Vendors from Around the World Offering

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Just down the road at the NOCIA Community Center
4253 Ponkan Road, Apopka, FL 32712
ONE DAY ONLY Saturday, April 15

The American Orchid Society—Florida North Central Judging Center
Presents *Beyond Growing Orchids* Educational Seminar

9 a.m.— noon

Morning Speaker Series

Francisco Miranda—Defining Cattleyas

Miranda Orchids

Dave Sorokowsky — Judging Maudiae-type Paphiopedilums

Paph Paradise

Phillip Hamilton — Growing and Showing Novelty Phalaenopsis

Bredren Orchids

COVERED DISH POTLUCK LUNCH and SILENT AUCTION

1:30 p.m.— 5 p.m.

Afternoon Orchid Judging

An Introduction to the American Orchid Society

Bring us your blooming orchids for review.

Join us at the judging table.

Learn what qualities to look for when selecting and growing your orchids.

Seminar Open to the Public—Space is Limited—

RSVP to askmasc@verizon.net by April 08

January Winners



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Robert Molpus



B. Little Stars



Den. Farmeri var. Pink

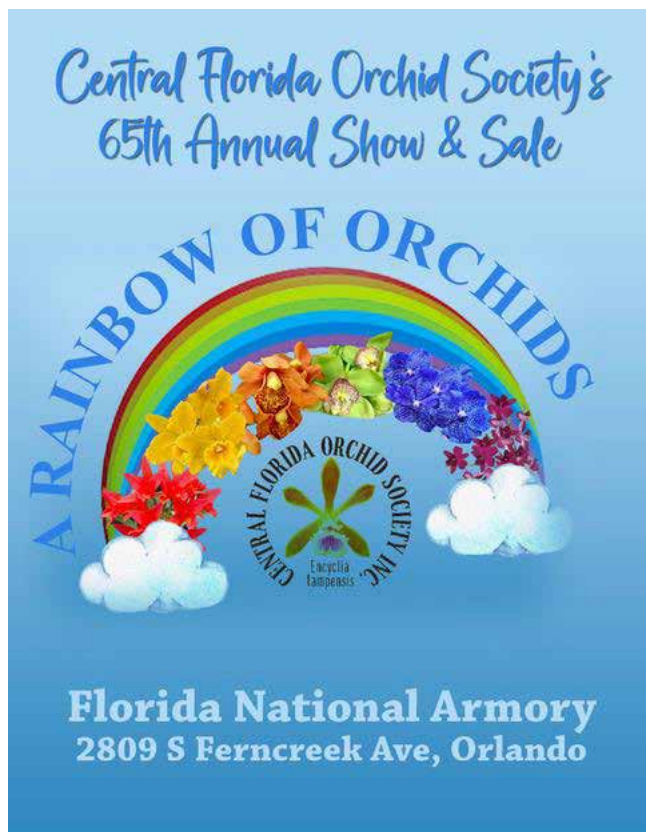


Pot. Susan Fender 'Cinnamon Stick' x Rlc. Hilo Grand

Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties owner's names are not available for these January winners. Also the photos of winners from the February meeting have not been provided. Hopefully we can get back on track for March's meeting.

We have a WINNER!

A Rainbow of Orchids will be the theme for our show June 3rd and 4th. We want to make sure this show will be epic to ensure its success. We always have a great time, but we will be needing more of YOU to volunteer to bring it all together. During March's general meeting, we will be passing around a sign up sheet for this event. Tnks about what you might be able to help with and come join in the fun!!! If you have any questions about times or positions we need help with, please grab one of your board members and ask away. REMEMBER, all volunteers get orchid buck for your time. Thank you for your consideration.



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



January

1-Ed Eldridge
3-Ralph Huber
5-Kieth Ricklick
12-Larry Shatzer
14- Robert Wu
15-Frank Smith

18-Priscilla Debler
22-Vickie Oglesbey
23-Nancy Hoffman
24-Pat Fusco
29-Melody Barnett
30-Carmen Perkins

February

2-Gerri VanBreeman
6-Jean Gilliland
11-Joanne Little

20-Cari Johnson
28-Larry Rosen

March

2-Connie Fox
6-Jane Poche
8-Shirley Robinson
19-Althea Montgomery

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

Membership Anniversaries



Glennnda & Nilo Gutierrez - 2022
Marleny Chakola - 2022
Kishimah Drummond - 2022
Suzanne Farmsworth - 2022
Julissa & Troy Holm - 2022
Mark & Shirley Robinson - 2021
Debi & Kevin Johnson - 1996
Marjori & Robert Scarlett - 1996
James Sabetto - 2021
Don & Wanda Sarles - 1996
Arundhati Sarvotham - 2022
Emilie & Jim Tumilty - 2013

John Manasco - 2022
Sandra McGauley - 2022
Mickey O'Brien - 2014
Vickie Oglesby - 2017
Karen Homan - 2021
Daniel Iskanyn - 2010
Cari Johnson - 2011
Larry Rosen - 2011
Gretchen Schitter - 2003
Teri Scott - 2011
Samantha Starr - 2021
Heather Vasquez - 2022



To Our New Members

Nancy Hirt
Darlene Ryan
Anna & Andrew Belous

Sarah Lovel
Alvin Chambers

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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MONTHLY CHECKLIST FOR MARCH & APRIL

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 be weakened 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

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.

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 your 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.

1Rapid-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 look out 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.



AOS Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Ron McHatton



Thursday, March 9th, 2023
8:30 – 9:30 pm EST

Orchid Q&A. Find answers to questions you did not even know you had.



DRACULA....Whimsical Monsters of the Orchid World

Tom Etheridge



Thursday, March 16th, 2023
8:30 PM EDT

Join Tom Etheridge, AOS judge and former trustee and officer, as he takes us through the mysterious world of Draculas. See why they are named "Dracula."



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>



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>



Don't forget to collect your orchid bucks when you bring a plant to be judged, something for the silent auction table, volunteer to be a judge or bring snacks to one of the meetings. Also when you volunteer at any of our events, you also earn bucks and these can be used for purchasing plants or even for your membership dues. The more you get involved, the more bucks you get!

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!

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

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2023 MARCH

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