



October/November 2023

Happy Holidays!

Moving into the Past President role has me reflecting on my tenure.

Thank you to my Board. Each one of you has been instrumental in our accomplishments. You as a Board worked together respectfully, creatively and challenged each other to grow. In doing so, you increased membership, raised funds, planned and executed fabulous events and more, while practicing fiduciary responsibility. I'm proud to have been your president.

Thank you

Thank you to our members. You give us the energy to do our best. Our best to bringing in interesting speakers, plan and execute shows and such. Please continue to support your Board as they work to keep our Society engaging, fun and interesting.

Happy Holidays from your soon to be Past President, Lori.

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UP COMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING

No Mtg December 11th

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 16th

CULTURE GROUP

January 4th



Saturday December 16th
at Krull/Smith Nurseries
10am to 2pm



RSVP
& bring a dish to share

The Jean & Ed Gilliland Memorial Show was a big success. Pictured are Jean & Ed's daughters Ginny & Susan.



A Big Thank You

To our vendors: Krull/Smith, Bredren Orchids, Orchids in Bloom and Ecuagenera for their beautiful displays and their support.

To the AOS judges who spent the day evaluating and awarding the orchids on display.

And to our sponsor Commerce Bank & Trust.



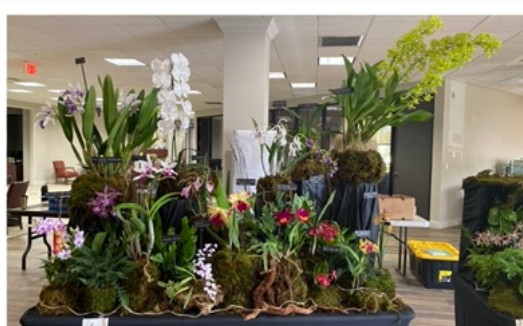
Central Florida Orchid Society's display was done by our great display team Jeanne Brenan & Sam Star with help from Maren Alemen.



Krull/Smith's *Bulbophyllum medusae* was awarded Best in Show and given the Ed Gilliland Award.



Krull/Smith Nursery & Ecuagenera



Orchids in Bloom



Bredren Orchids

October Winners

Photo credit
Robert Molpus



Lg Cattleya Alliance Hybrid

C. Jenmanii



Cattleya Alliance Hybrid

C. Kerrii



Vanda

V. Tessellata 'Blue'



Vandaceuos Alliance

V. Kapiolea



Laelia Anceps Lineata

"Christopherson's"



Onc. Catatante

'Los Robles'



Phal. Bredren's

"Caribbean Queen"

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



October

4 Luz Galvan
8 Patricia Miller
13 Jeanne Brenan
11 Dorothy McMichen
15 Elaine Taylor
18 Sandy Doyle
20 Lorraine Amos
23 Kathi Clifford
24 Johnny Hicks Jr
28 David Denholm

November

2 John Beasley
7 Kent Nauman
8 Irvin Fox
10 Donna Richey
15 Betsy Dasse
20 Robin Buckler
21 Sheila Coburn
25 Tootsie Yarborough
29 Charlie Chapman



Membership Anniversaries

Rodney & Sandra Atkinson
LuAnn & David Smith
Janet & Vijay Mahindroo
Paul & Joann Little
Melody Barnett

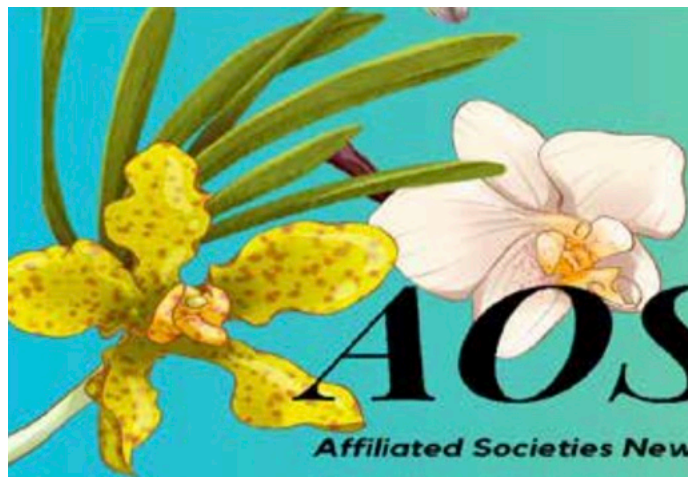


New Members

Terry & Rachel Howard * David & LuAnn Smith * Holly & Rob Bostick
Gabriella Scherer * Dayaneth Portilla * Margaret Anderson* Sandy Doyle

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. 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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How to Fertilize Using Mesh Bags

Art and photograph by Karla Velasco

THE WAY I grow orchids has evolved tremendously over the years. It can be impacted by our location, access to supplies, and our level of effort. I have grown orchids in Florida, South Korea, Texas, and now Phoenix. With each new location, my growing strategies have evolved.

Orchids grown in baskets or mounted have been hard for me to tillize. I use sheer mesh bags that sell as party favors or jewelry bags. I fill these up with slow-release fertilizer, and Bonide granules (contains imidacloprid, which affects honey bees and is banned in several northeastern states, Puerto Rico and Canada). They are then placed on my orchids. These bags are inexpensive. A pack of 10 is easily found online for under \$10.

I found fertilizer baskets not to be as effective as these mesh bags. The basket's holes are too big to hold the granules and the mesh holds very little fertilizer. The drawstring of the mesh bags makes them easy to close and hang. The material is flexible and if it gets creased into the bag, they can be easily cut apart. These bags have certainly made a difference in my growing.

If you experiment with these bags or have other ideas regarding how they may be used, I would love to hear about it.

— Karla Velasco (email karlaavelasco@gmail.com).



Webinars - Coming Attractions!

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

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When	Jan. 03, 2024 8:30 pm EST Wednesday	Jan. 23, 2024 8:30 pm EST Tuesday	Feb. 07, 2024 8:30 pm EST Wednesday	Feb. 08, 2024 8:30 pm EST Thursday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Jan. 01</i>	Multi-floral Paphiopedilums Desirable and Highly Awarded Slipper Orchids	Phalaenopsis: From Soup to Nuts A Panorama of Moth Orchids for Everyone	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Feb. 06</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Carol Klonowski Hobby Grower, AOS Judge	David Edgley AOS Judge, Judging Committee Chair	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

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Baby it's cold outside

Preparing Orchids for Winter

By Susan Jones

The onset of shorter days and longer, colder nights heralds winter's arrival. Many factors play into keeping your orchids happy and healthy through this time — finding the right combination of variables can be tricky, especially for beginners. The phrase "proper prior planning" is appropriate here; doing so will help your orchids to reach their greatest potential and increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the hobby.

Generally, temperatures between 50° and 80° F (10° to 27° C) are ideal for orchids; but occasional brief periods of temperatures above 100 F (38 C) or drops even into the 30s (0 C) will not harm most orchids as long as no frost forms on the leaves. Cold hardiness, the measure of the orchid's resistance to or ability to adjust to cold stress, should be considered when adding new orchids for your landscape or collection. The degree of cold hardiness is determined by environmental conditions, the overall health of the plant and its genetic makeup. Some species are always killed by colder temperatures, while others can tolerate short periods of temperatures near freezing.

For full article click here [AOS](#)



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://cforchidsociety.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>

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	Holiday ⁹ Party
10	11 No Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Happy Holidays and see you next year