

The Dampensis



February 2024



A note from our President

Hello members,

I'm hoping for the end of this cold weather. I'm over bringing plants in and out. I really enjoyed the speaker last month. I would love to see some of those Australian orchids in person.

Remember the culture group meeting March 7th 6:30pm. "How to get your orchids ready for show" will have raffle prizes.

See you soon, Teri

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A note from our Editor

I was honored to be asked a couple years ago to take over the monthly newsletter for our society. I have loved getting it redesigned and updated with a more modern look during my time. Unfortunately, my life has changed completely around and I no longer have the time in my schedule to meet the deadline to make sure you all are getting it consistently every month. My purpose for sharing this information is we are in need of a new editor. If anyone is interested, I would be happy to help get things started with you and give any guidance and assistance needed. Please feel free to email me or call me. 321-277-9610
CFOSeditor@aol.com

It takes all of us to make our society endure.

Thank you, Jeanne

Upcoming meetings

Culture Group Meeting - Thursday March 7th at 7pm same place as our General meeting.

This Special meeting open to all members

In preparation of the upcoming orchid show season we are having a special meeting devoted to preparing your orchids for exhibit. Presented by Teri Scott and Jerry Steele.

Our General Meeting - Monday March 11th at 7pm

Our Speaker will be Jeff Adkins and he will be talking to us about the History and Importance of the American Orchid Society.



2024 Membership renewals begin Jan 1st. Dues can be paid in person with cash, check or card. Or you can pay them online, here: cflorchidsociety.org/member-sales/

As a paid CFOS member, you have an option to join the Culture Group, which meets on the 1st Thursday each month. Same room as our General Meetings. \$10 paid when you arrive on that Thursday gives you access for the year! (Highly recommend it especially for the newbies.)

Membership Report

Renewals	122
New	24
18 mo Promotional	47
Honorary & life	36
Total membership	229

Questions about membership? Email Sheila Coburn at membership@cflorchidsociety.org

Central Florida Orchid Society							
Treasurer's Report							
		Data as of:	February	Year Ending			
Income	Budget	Year To	%	Expense	Budget	Year To	%
		Date				Date	
Annual Fundrais	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	Operations	5,162.00	393.17	7.6
Member Auction	1,700.00	0.00	0.0	Membership	600.00	168.20	28.0
Membership	4,000.00	2,155.00	53.9	Annual Fundraiser	5,800.00		0.0
Misc Income	50.00	15.00	30.0	Education:	6,562.00	350.00	5.3
Potting Supplies	200.00	11.50	5.8	Raffle	900.00	190.00	21.1
Raffle	2000.00	\$ 643.00	32.15	Social Activities:	1,850.00	34.36	1.9
Silent Auction	1,500.00	40.00	2.7	Orchid Bucks	750.00	100.00	13.3
Total Income	19,450.00	2,824.50	14.5	Total Expenses	21,624.00	1,235.73	5.7

Leadership

Teri Scott - President
 Jeanne Blankenship - Vice President
 Jeanne Brenan - Corresponding Secretary
 Juan Carlos Bianchi - Recording Secretary
 Nancy Balderson - Treasurer
 Sheila Coburn - Membership
 Lori Erlacher - Past President

Board of Directors

Sam Star, Althea Montgomery, Jane Poche, Denise Andreu

February Winners

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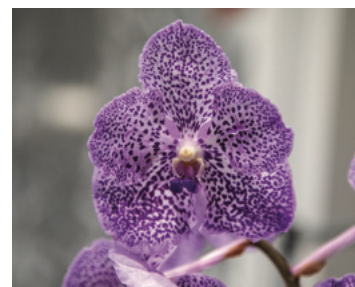
Deciduous Den Species/Hybrid
Den. Kingianum 'Pink'
Owner Cari Johnson



Oncidium Species/Hybrid
Pinot Princess 'Scary'
Owner Jeanne Brennan



Misc. Species/Hybrid
Broughtonia Jamaica Jester
Owner Cari Johnson



Vanda
V. Yano Blue
Owner Jeanne Blankenship



Phal Species/Hybrid
Phal. Young Home 'Gentleman'
Owner Jeff Adkins



Paph & Phrags Species/Hybrid
Paph. Pale Face x
Paph. Sorcerer's Prime Ding
Owner Teri Scott



Lg Flower Cattleya Hybrid
NOID
Owner Jeanne Blankenship



Sm Flower Cattleya Hybrid
Blc. Fuchs Orange Nugget
Owner Maren Aleman



Cattleya Alliance Species
Rhyncholaelia digbyana
Owners Gretchen Schet



Evergreen Den. Species/Hybrid
NOID
Owners Maren Aleman



Equitant Oncidiums
NOID
Owners The Foxes



Culture/Specimen
Blc. Bouton D'Or
Owners Teri Scott

Don't forget to bring in your blooming beauties for judging each month.
Not only can you earn Orchid Bucks, but you might win a ribbon too!

UP COMING ORCHID EVENTS



Volunteers needed: we are looking for members to man our membership table at Orchids in Bloom's event March 8 - 10 and at Krull Smith's event April 5-7. If you are interested please contact Shelia @ membership@cflorchidsociety.org

February's


Birthdays

- 1st Ron Ouellette
- 2nd Gerrie VanBreemen
- 4th Grace Clayton
- 4th Dwayne Nelson
- 7th Shereen Sahebi
- 8th Dayaneth Portilla
- 11th Joann Little
- 15th Marsha Hearl
- 17th Della Charbonneau
- 20th David Kinnamon
- 24th Dabra Huneycutt
- 28th Larry Rosen

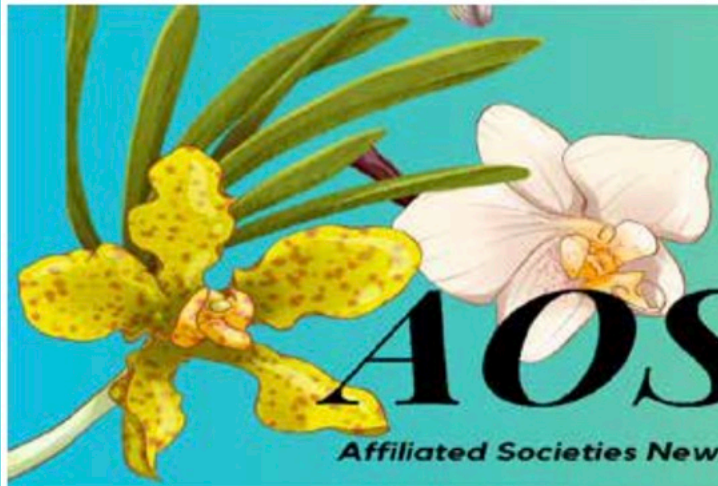


Anniversaries

- 3rd Jane Poche
- 13th Grace Clayton
- 13th Dwayne Nelson
- 17th Gretchen Chitter



The Sunshine Girls
 Chloe' and Jana have set up an email address, cflsunshine@gmail.com for members to send their card requests to. A card request can be for any reason, to express congratulations, sympathy or concern to members of the society in the event of illness, bereavement or milestone events.



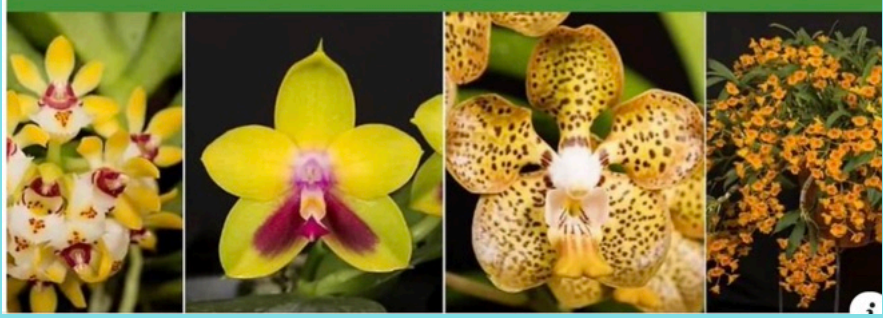
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www.aos.org

Florida North Central Judging Center



Orlando Area Orchid Judging - Second Saturday
Clermont Garden Club,
849 West Ave., Clermont FL. 34711

The American Orchid Society is proud to announce its 5th Orchid Culture Day

"ORCHIDS FOR ENJOYMENT"

EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF FOUR FASCINATING GENERA

Join us Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 at 11:00 AM EST!

We have lined up four outstanding speakers who will take us on visits to the worlds of four wondrous orchid genera.

We will explore and learn from these experts on maxillarias, cymbidiums, angraecoids and phalaenopsis.

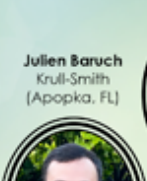
\$35 fee. For details and to register please visit the AOS website, www.aos.org

The Wheel of Prizes will spin!

Let's Enjoy a Day of Orchids and their Culture!



Eric Sauer
River Valley
Orchids
(Centerville, OH)



Julien Baruch
Krull-Smith
(Apopka, FL)



Lourens Grobler
AfriOrchids
(South Africa)



George Hatfield
Hatfield Orchids
(Oxnard, CA)



Schedule (All times EST)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Eric Sauer "It is Not Just tenuifolia Anymore"

12 -12:15 am - Break

12:15 - 1:15 pm - Lourens Grobler "New African Species in Cultivation and How to Grow Them"

1:15 - 1:30 pm - Break

1:30 - 2:30 pm - George Hatfield "Growing Award-winning Cymbidiums"

2:30 -2:45 pm - Break

2:45 - 3:45 pm - Julien Baruch "Phalaenopsis Culture and Breeding"

3:45 - 4:00 pm - Wheel of Orchid Fortune

\$35 fee for this all-day seminar. Register. AOS

Repotting

As the temperatures start to get warmer that means our orchids will be commencing their annual growth cycle soon. Depending on where you live, some plants may be in growth already. As we head toward summer we will be practicing a different culture regime for our orchids. We want to optimize their growth as much as possible during the warm part of the year.

The most important task we associate with spring is repotting our plants. I often hear of a novice buying an orchid and immediately repotting it regardless of the time of year. That is not sound practice. The best, and safest time to repot an orchid is in the springtime and there are good reasons why. Lengthening days continue to accelerate plant growth through the summer solstice. With some species, growth can be explosive at this time of year. Orchids that receive ample food and water, and the proper temperatures and light for their type, can quickly fill a pot with roots. The more roots, the better a plant can utilize the nutrients it receives. This rapid growth also insures that newly potted orchids will quickly establish themselves in the fresh medium. All of this adds up to a strong, healthy plant capable of producing abundant blooms.



While there are exceptions, for most orchids it is a safe bet to repot in the spring. It is a good idea to confirm that your orchids are indeed beginning their growth cycle. Monopodial and sympodial orchids should both have some active, green root tips on mature roots. Sympodial orchids should have a cluster of new roots starting from the base of the newest pseudobulb and may or may not have a new pseudobulb starting. The longer the new roots are the easier it is to accidentally break them so try to repot plants when these roots are not much more than a half-inch long. Soaking a plant in a bucket of room temperature water will make old roots more pliable and easier to remove from the pot. This is especially helpful with monopodial orchids like *Phalaenopsis*.

- Always sterilize cutting tools between plants to avoid the spread of disease. A minute or two under a torch flame will suffice.
- Remove old medium and dead roots. Leafless backbulbs may be removed from sympodial orchids.
- Use fresh, clean media and pots, do not recycle media, and reuse pots only if they have been sterilized.
- Potting time is a good time to examine plants for any pests that might be hiding. Spring cleaning applies to orchids too! Remove any old, dried sheaths with a toothbrush dipped in 70% isopropyl alcohol. Also remove any dead leaves or pseudobulbs.
- Makes sure that all of the needed materials are at hand, that includes assorted pots, enough of your preferred media, rhizome clips and/or bamboo or wire stakes and don't forget nametags!
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If you pot them correctly, most orchids only need to be repotted every second or third year. Some, like *phalaenopsis* and *catasetums* appreciate fresh medium every year.



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>

2024 MARCH

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3 AOS Cultural Day	4	5	6	7 Culture Group mtg	8 Membership Orchids in	9 table at Bloom event
10 Orchids in Bloom event	11 General Mtg	12	13	14	15	16
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