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About the September Meeting

September 14, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom (see article below with details on logging into our meeting)

Speaker: Sam Tsui, 'Multifloral Paphiopedilum and their Culture'

Sam was born and raised in Hong Kong. He traveled to the United States at the age of 22. His background is in computer science, accounting and business. But in 2008, Sam retired from the business of business, and is now concentrating, full time, on his orchid growing business.

Sam and his future wife, Jeanie Ting, both traveled all the way from Hong Kong to the US, only to meet while studying at the Illinois State University. They were married in May, 1983.

He began growing orchids in the early 1980's, but soon got serious about Paphiopedilums. He started hybridizing in 1990, and continues to this day. In 1995, he started selling commercially as the Orchid Inn. Growing from a basement operation to an attached greenhouse to six acres and a 6,000 square foot commercial greenhouse, he makes over 300 crosses, produces 4,000 to 5,000 flasks or approximately 100,000 seedlings annually. But it's not just quantity. Quality is a passion for Sam as well. He only selects the best, most vigorous parent plants in his collection for breeding/hybridizing. He continues to improve his breeding stock by selecting plants or flasks from his fellow orchid growers that he believes are outstanding examples of their type. Sam has received hundreds of awards, as a testament to his abilities as a grower and hybridizer, including FCCs and CCEs from the AOS, and Gold Medals and Grand Champion awards from international orchid shows.

In the past 27 years, Sam has been very active in the orchid world by traveling to shows, promoting sales, and lecturing to orchid conferences, societies and groups in the USA, Canada, Japan, Australia and Europe.



Sam Tsui

Speaker Pre-order discount on Plants

Sam Tsui is offering a 10% discount when ordering from his website between 8/24 and 9/20. Go to his website (www.orchidinnusa.com) and at checkout, use the promo code 10OFFNWOS to get a 10% discount. (careful: that's the numeral 10 and then the letters OFFNWOS). The quantity discount will be automatically applied in addition to the 10% discount. The orders will ship as they come in.

For current Paid-in-Full NWOS Members, Sam is also offering to let us combine orders. He will ship the plants to a single location, in order to save the \$28 per order handling charge (separate from shipping, \$2-\$6 per plant). Please contact [Abigail Chang](#) who will coordinate the ordering process. Send her your list of plants from Sam's website and let her know that you intend to join in. Make sure to include your contact information.

You will select your plants from the website and pay for them. Make sure to mark your order that you want to be part of the NWOS group shipping option by entering the NWOS mailing address (P.O. Box 51021 Seattle, WA 98115-1021) for shipping, and adding "Society Group Order" in the Notes area. Then follow up by contacting Abigail to get her address. Note: When checking out, the \$28 shipping will be added to the bill, but Sam will refund it manually.

FINAL DEADLINE to be part of the group order is FRIDAY Sept 18th.

After they arrive, Abigail will help distribute plants to members in the Seattle area and Irene Shu will help distribute plants to members down south to Tacoma where she lives.

Sam's plants are known to be excellent quality and well grown. So this is a great opportunity to get a discount on each plant as well as save a considerable amount on shipping.

How to Join a ZOOM meeting

All you need to do is have a computer, laptop or other internet connected device like a tablet or smartphone. You'll be sent an email invitation close to the meeting date containing the meeting URL. Click on that URL since it contains the Meeting ID and password (coded). Some of you may need to download the Zoom app if it does not install automatically. You do not have to turn on your camera and you can remain anonymous. If you don't have a camera equipped device, that's o.k. You'll be able to see the meeting, but we'll miss seeing you.



Shortly before the meeting time, follow the directions in that confirmation email. You will enter a "waiting room" and will be let into the meeting when it starts. Be aware that this meeting may be recorded.

We know that not everyone is in the same place technologically. So here are some links to helpful videos about how to get started and how to navigate ZOOM.

[Creative Life Center](#) - Joining a Zoom Call for the First Time; Fun and Easy Online Connection

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

[Geeks on Tour](#):

1. How Do I Join a Zoom Meeting? Tutorial Video 614

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kh50kVaIdAY>

2. Basic Zoom meeting controls Tutorial Video 615

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78fn4r6fhns>

3. How Do I Join a Zoom Meeting with a Smartphone? Tutorial Video 616

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVb9nBu1Sug>

[Smart Simple Digital](#) - How to Join A Zoom Meeting for the First Time (Zoom: The Basics)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbbYqiurgeo>

It's Election Time Again

The NWOS Nominating Committee is seeking members who are interested in running for an open Officer or Board position. The new 2021 Slate of Officers and Board members are to be announced at the October meeting, published in the November newsletter, and voted on at the November meeting.

We did an inquiry of the existing Officers and Board members to learn who is willing to renew their position for the fiscal 2021 year. So far, all but two have offered to renew. As such we are looking for members to fill the following open positions:

- 1st VP: a 1-year commitment to invite and schedule monthly speakers, and manage Society events such as the Christmas Plant Giveaway. Currently the monthly meetings are held remotely via Zoom, so speakers must be willing to give their talks via that medium, but eventually we will have in-person meetings again.

- Board position: a 2-year commitment to attend 6 board meetings annually for 1 to 2 hours each. The meetings are currently held remotely via Zoom. This position is a great way to become more involved in your Society. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to bring your enthusiasm, knowledge and ideas for improving the Society.

Here is the Slate of 2021 Officers and Board positions so far:

President -- Joe Grienauer, running for another term
1st Vice President (speakers) -- Robert Culver is running for this "open" position
2nd Vice President (out of town shows) -- Alba Dennis, running for another term
Treasurer -- Chris Peterson, running for another term
Secretary -- Mike Cory, running for another term
Past-President - Abigail Chang

Board Positions, 2-year term ending Dec 31 2020

- Robert Culver, position will be "open", Ben Johnson would like to run for this position
- Diane Drisch, running for another term
- Thuan Nguyen, running for another term
- Mike Pearson, running for another term
- Christiane Ulness, position will be "open", Tom Bell-Games is running for this position

Board Positions, 2-year term ending Dec 31, 2021

- Pat Gossler
- Peter Maunsell
- Lillian Otani
- Barb Roberts
- Susan Burgess

Please contact the Nominating Committee (Joff Morgan, presently) if you would like to be considered for an open position, an existing position, have a nomination or have any questions.

~ Joff Morgan

From the By-Laws of the Northwest Orchid Society

Article II - Officers

Section I - Officers

The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom ex-officio shall also be voting Directors, and shall be elected annually by the members.

Section 2 - President

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Directors, to see that the Bylaws are enforced, to call such meetings as are herein provided to be called by the President, to have general supervision over all the affairs of the Society, and at the Annual Meeting to make a report to the Society of all the operations of the Society during the year of the President's term. The President shall, with the Secretary, sign all written contracts and obligations unless otherwise provided by special vote of the Directors. No contract shall be valid and binding upon the Society unless so signed.

Section 3 - First Vice-President

In the absence of or disability of the President, the President's duties shall be performed by the First Vice-President. If the President and the First Vice-President are absent from any meeting, the Second Vice-President shall preside. If none of these officers is present, the Secretary shall act as President pro-tem. It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President to plan and coordinate the educational activities of the Society. The First Vice-President shall be responsible for the Beginner's Program, the monthly program for the membership, and for the development of a proposed educational program budget to be included with the annual budget of the Society.

Section 4 - Second Vice-President

It shall be the duty of the Second Vice-President to plan and coordinate all of the show exhibits of the Society. The Second Vice-President shall also be accountable for the development of a proposed budget for each show exhibit which will be included as part of the annual budget of the Society. The Second Vice President coordinates the annual Gary Baker Service Award Program.

Section 5 - Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings and of all the business of the Society and of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall accept, record, and maintain records of all applications for membership, pay all moneys so received over to the Treasurer, and take the Treasurer's receipt therefore. Prior to the end of the term of membership, the Secretary shall bill the members for their dues by the mailing of statements. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and shall keep copies of the same. The Secretary shall give the notice of all meetings in accordance with these Bylaws and shall give notice to each person of that person's election to office or membership in the Society. The Secretary shall have general charge of the records of the Society.

Section 6 - Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect all dues, receive all moneys belonging to the Society, and shall pay all encumbrances. The Treasurer shall deposit the funds of the Society in the name of the Society in such bank or banks as may be designated from time to time by the Directors. The Treasurer shall submit a statement of the Treasurer's accounts at each regular meeting of the Directors. Additionally, the Treasurer shall be responsible for other financial duties as outlined in the Operating Procedures.

The Treasurer shall, if required by the Directors, give a bond for the faithful performance of the Treasurer's obligations to the Society for such amount and with such surety as may be from time to time approved by the Directors. The premium for such bond shall be paid by the Society. The Treasurer's books and accounts shall at all reasonable times be open to the Audit Committee and to the inspection of any Director. The Treasurer's annual report shall be submitted at the Annual Meeting for approval and shall be published in the Newsletter with the report of the Audit Committee.

In the event of the absence or disability of the Treasurer, the President shall be empowered and authorized to receive and disburse all moneys belonging to the Society and to sign checks on the various bank accounts in the Society's name. The Treasurer shall pay all bills as presented and in accordance with the annual budget, or as directed by the Board of Directors.

The treasurer may, at their discretion, appoint additional members to perform tasks and activities on behalf of the Treasurer, and under the Treasurer's supervision. Nominations for an assistant's position will be submitted to the board with a detailed description of their expected duties and responsibilities. Nominees must be members of the society in good standing. The term for each assistant will expire at the end of the membership year, and must be resubmitted and re-approved by the board each year. Treasurer's assistants will be ex-officio non-voting members of the board.

Article III - Directors

Section 1 - Composition and Term of Office

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Society all serving as ex-officio voting members, as provided in Article II. The immediate past President shall also automatically become a voting member of the Board to serve for the period during which the past President's successor shall remain in office. The other Directors (not more than twelve nor less than six) shall be elected by the members for a period of two years each. One-half of the Directors shall be elected every other year. The number of Directors required shall be established by the Board prior to the actions of the Nominating Committee.

Section 2 - Duties

The Directors shall have general charge and direction of the affairs and business of the Society.

2021 NW Flower & Garden Festival

We just received word that the NW Flower & Garden Festival will be taking place again in 2021. Gordon Cromwell is filling out the application for our orchid garden as I write this. We don't know yet how large our garden will be nor do we know what our garden space will look like. Gordon, Joe Griener and myself (and anyone else who wants to help us in the design phase) will work to figure out our design and how it is all going to be put together.

We will learn more from the NWFGF staff in early September. There will also be a Garden Creators workshop in late September or early October to go over the ground rules and being good neighbors with other gardens.

The Show dates are February 17 - 21, 2021.

Moss collection will be on February 10 or 11.

Garden Setup will be February 13 - 16.

Garden Teardown will be February 22.

If you would like to get involved in designing our orchid garden, please contact me or Gordon. More details to follow!

~ Joff Morgan

Membership Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your NWOS membership for 2020. Our membership period now goes by calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). You can pay at most meetings by cash, check, or debit/credit card. Click [HERE](#) to pay online using Paypal on our Membership page. You can mail a check (payable to NWOS) to PO Box 51021, Seattle, WA 98115-1021. New members should complete the [Membership Form](#).

Dues are \$30 for one person or \$40 for two people at the same address. We also have a Youth membership of \$15 for one person aged 22 or under. Dues are kept low to encourage membership but they cover only a small portion of the society's expenses.

Each single, dual and youth membership person will be considered an individual full-fledged member entitled to all privileges and benefits of the society (voting, Christmas plants, sell plants at meetings/shows/auction, members-only summer BBQ, etc.).

Please contact Mike Cory for questions about your dues.

August: The Month of Midlife

By Thomas Mirenda

OK, calm down everyone. Resist it all you like, but we all get older. Those of us of a "certain age" are frequently accused of having a crisis in our lives because others perceive some slightly reckless or unusual behavior. Isn't it hyperbolic to say we are in crisis simply because we seem restless in our jobs, dye our hair, buy a sporty car or, I don't know, sell everything we own and relocate to Argentina so we can dance the tango with beautiful strangers. . . OK, that one does seem a bit much. Even so, why not shake things up a little in our lives? It is not so much about regaining our youth (you could not pay me to be 20 again) as it is about keeping life fresh and fun. When I was 20 everything was exciting and new and life was all about adventure and the future. We may be more settled now in our jobs and houses and partners, but life is still all about the future! Why shouldn't it be just as exciting as it was when we were kids?

The growing of orchids may seem a passive pursuit to many, some might even say cultivating orchids is a pastime for a more subdued set, but I beg to differ. Readers of Orchids know that the activity is endlessly fascinating, and the subject staggeringly vast and mind-boggling. While the thrill I get from walking into the greenhouse and seeing a long awaited new orchid flower finally unfurled may not be equally adrenaline inducing as hang gliding, I also do not run the risk of breaking any bones when I do it! Some of the greatest peak experiences of my life have involved searching for and finding orchids in the wild. These experiences have almost always involved exotic travel, moderate to intense physical activity, immersing myself in nature as well as hanging out with friends, old and new. If that's a life in crisis, I'll take it!

WISE ABOUT WATER Rainwater is a gift from above, and excessive amounts of runoff actually can hurt our environment. Collecting rainwater and using it for your orchids is pretty easy and will be a boon to the health of your collection. A simple rain barrel with a submersible pump and a hose are the basic tools needed. Why waste this fine quality water? August is actually a tough time for orchid watering and you have to use your best judgment around this time. So many of your new growths that initiated in the spring are now approaching maturity. The observant grower will notice that they need less water and fertilizer now than they did months ago and should do better with a little less than they did when in active growth. Actually, the summer heat tends to halt plant metabolism in many of the intermediate growing orchids. Only the very warmest-growing orchids are unaffected by the intensities of summer weather.

CAM PHOTOSYNTHESIS ORCHIDS In fact, many warm-growing (and even some cooler growing) orchids engage in a water-retentive type of plant respiration referred to as crassulacean acid metabolism, or CAM photosynthesis. This is an adaptation that evolved in plants from desert habitats where temperatures are very high and water is scarce. These types of plants do not open their stomata during the day, or all the water in their tissues would immediately vaporize. Instead, CAM plants open at night, which allows needed respiration to occur without the risk of rapid desiccation. In your orchid collection, this means that many of your more succulent orchids might not be able to take up water from their roots until the sun goes down.

FUNGAL ISSUES Astute growers will tell themselves, "Well, I'm told never to water late in the day for risk of crown rot and fungal pathogens that can occur when plant surfaces are wet at night. But if they don't take in water until evening, when should I water?" This has more to do with a phrase you see in this magazine frequently: "a well-drained but moisture retentive mixture." This is the key to success for so many orchids. You have won half the watering battle by supplying the right mix for your climate for each individual in your collection. You may have the medium issue adequately addressed, but rot issues do tend to appear in the summer heat, especially if you mist your plants excessively to keep them

cool. Be on the lookout for signs of bad fungi, broken down mixes that do not dry out (a sure sign of root rot), leaves that are not turgid and new growths that detach or disintegrate. If you have these types of problems, it might be time for an emergency repotting or treatment with a fungicide.

THE HEAT IS ON By this time in the summer, deleterious effects of heat will become more pronounced, and you may have to rescue a few orchids. Do your best to cool plants by using combinations of mist, shade and air movement. If portions of your plants have succumbed to heat stress or appear to be rotting, it is always best to remove and discard those necrotic tissues, as the resulting diseases can easily spread to healthier portions of the plant. Treat any cuts you make with an antifungal or antibacterial substance such as cinnamon. Next month, some relief is in sight for your heat-stressed orchids.

(As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 84, NO.8, August 2015)

September: The Month of Aloha

By Thomas Mirenda

A singularly beautiful word from the Hawaiian language with several meanings including love, hello and goodbye, Aloha is more about spirit and philosophy. It reflects a caring and nurturing nature that kind people feel for each other. It does not judge, it does not discriminate and it is a universal term of endearment. This month, many of us say goodbye wistfully to summer friends, jobs and carefree days, while simultaneously embarking on fantastic new adventures and initiatives. I am no exception, as I begin my new position at the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden this month. I know this new adventure will be hard work and will present many challenges for me. Nonetheless, I am invigorated by the Aloha I know I will experience there. Needless to say, the capacity to grow orchids outside is icing on the Haupia cake.

Our lives take us on many different paths, but all of us on the orchid path know what it means to be nurturers and cultivators. This month as the seasons shift again and temperatures and day length wax and wane (depending on what hemisphere you are in), it is important to be very observant of your collection. Some photoperiod-dependent plants will slow down with these changes, others may speed up as temperatures are more to their liking, but one thing is for sure, changes are coming!

OVERHEATING IS OVER With the onset of fall, many things shift; that is, temperatures are getting lower and nights are getting longer. The intense, and sometimes damaging, heat that has kept many plants in suspended animation is ending and more favorable growing conditions commence. I have often seen new flushes of growth on cattleyas, dendrobiums and Oncidium alliance plants this time of year. If you live in a climate where the cold weather does not start for a couple more months, then you can water and fertilize as you might in the spring for another month or so. But if your winter weather starts in October, you might want to slow down or hold off on feeding your plants this month to get them ready for dormancy, (catasetums, and deciduous dendrobiums) or spike initiation (phalaenopsis and cymbidiums).

THE GREAT OUTDOORS Any plants that have summered outside may have grown spectacularly with the excellent light, fresh air and rainwater. Even so, if you live in a harsh winter area, you need to at least start thinking about where the plants will go as the weather shifts again to cold. Make sure your indoor spaces, be they greenhouses, windowsills or light rooms are sanitized and ready for the return of all the " 'chids" that were camping out this summer. Since they will have grown, there may not be room for everyone! You might consider giving away some plants to new orchid society members or making some divisions of really choice plants that you love and cannot part with.

SAFETY INDOORS It is also very important to inspect plants for hitchhikers such as ants or sow bugs (or worse things) that might have invaded them while outside. Spray or drench any such plants before bringing them inside as they can cause serious problems if they spread through your collection. It is also wise at this time to test your heaters, vents, fans,

and misting and irrigation systems to make sure they are still in good working order. You do not want that unpleasant surprise of finding them malfunctioning during the first cold snap of the year.

WILD AND GARDEN ORCHIDS Many fantastic natives are blooming around this time of year including the glorious platantheras and spiranthes among others. Do not miss this show! Find out about local populations and see these beauties at their peak of blooming. If you are growing hardy orchids such as bletillas and cypripediums in your gardens, most have ragged foliage by now, or may not even be visible above ground this month. Make sure you mark their location and purchase or gather the mulch (usually pine needles are good for many of these types of plants) that is helpful and often necessary for their winter protection. I am looking forward to not having to do this winter ritual anymore. Do not be jealous. Come visit me instead! Aloha!

(As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 86, NO.9, September 2017)

News from the American Orchid Society

DID YOU KNOW? The American Orchid Society will be celebrating its 100th anniversary April 2021. That's a lot of orchid love through the years. The February issue of ORCHIDS will be dedicated to the centennial. Our committee has been asked to contribute an article for publication in the centennial issue.



We are calling on our Affiliated Societies to tell us all you can about your history with the AOS. Personally, I have been our society AOS representative for the last ten years or so. I have been around orchids more than thirty years and a member of our affiliated society for almost eighteen, but I am sure that is just a drop in the bucket, compared to many other members out there.

If you have any history that you can share related to your society affiliation with AOS please share it with us. Please do not limit yourself!

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Do you know what prompted your society to become an affiliate of the AOS?
- What is the most beneficial aspect of your society's relationship with the AOS?
- Does your AOS representative share AOS news with your society on a monthly basis?
- Do you have an amazing story about your society's history as it relates to the AOS?
- Do you have photos of an early AOS judged orchid show?
- Tell us about the most exciting moment at one of your orchid shows.

Send your material to: askmasc@verizon.net. Speaking of judged shows, the following exhibit was put together by our orchid neighbors to the south.



Award No: 20195712 American Orchid Society Show Trophy
'Sueño Tropical en Alajuela' ST/AOS
(83 points)
Exhibitor: Asociación Alajueense de Orquideología
Photographer: Jorge Enrique Céspedes Trigueros

To view a gallery of awarded exhibits, go to www.aos.org and sign-in. Select Orchid Pro from the drop down menu on your membership status box, then use search term: Show Trophy. There are 1878 examples dating back to 1989. <https://op.aos.org/>

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. You can view from anywhere that you have an internet connection via Mac, PC or even your mobile device. It's easy to find the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. Here's the link: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	September 01, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	September 10, 2020 8:30 EST Thursday	October 06, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	October 20, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Encyclias and their Hybrids	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Understanding How to Care for your Paphiopedilums
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Mike Curtin AOS Student Judge and member of Oregon Orchid Societies	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dave Sorokowsky Owner Paph Paradise Awarded grower and AOS Judge

Orchids A to Z

Are you looking for a definitive source for concise information on orchid genera? Check in on this website section to see full descriptions and culture requirements provided by experts handpicked for their orchid knowledge. Photos of popular species in each genus are shown. Culture requirements are presented in an easy to understand "recipe-style" format. Also included is a playable sound file of the proper pronunciation of each genus so you can sound like an expert. A sound card and speakers are required to hear the spoken name.

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z.aspx>



Vanda Lek 'Garrett's Little Lu'
AM/AOS (84 points)
(Vanda luzonica x Vanda Flambeau)
Exhibitor: Sharon and David Garrett
Photographer: Wes Newton



Sobralia virginalis 'Angelica' CCE | AOS (91 points)
Exhibitor: Jorge Solarte
Photographer: Bryan Ramsay

Published since 1932, ORCHIDS (formerly known as the AOS Bulletin) is among the many benefits of an AOS membership. Exploding with glorious full-page color photographs, each monthly issue is packed with topics of current interest for both beginners and advanced orchid growers.

Worth the Read - ORCHIDS August Preview:

- Collector's Item - *Bulbophyllum maxillare* by Charles Wilson
- Orchids Illustrated - Willem Hendrik de Vriese by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- *Rhynchoaelia digbyana* by Stephen van Kempen-Lewis
- Who Were These Guys? Part 11 - Hugh Low by David Rosenfeld
- In Pursuit of *Teagueia* by Kelsey Huisman
- *Lindleyana* - Studies in *Oberonia* 7 by Daniel L. Geiger, Benjamin J. Crain, Melissa K. McCormick, and Dennis F. Whigham

Worth the Read - ORCHIDS September Preview

- The New Refugium Botanicum - *Pleurothallis luna-crescens* by Franco Pupulin and Melissa Díaz
- Collector's Item - *Bulbophyllum caloglossum* by Charles Wilson
- Orchids Illustrated - *Thelymitra* by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- *Phragmipedium dalessandroi* by Olaf Gruss
- *Platystele* - Try Growing Something Different by Larry Sexton
- *Psychopsis limminghei* and Alfred de Limminghe by Rudolf Jenny
- Into Africa: Part 5 - Mauritius by Thomas Mirenda
- *Lindleyana* - Pollination Biology of a Leading-Edge Population of *Cypripedium montanum* (Douglas ex Lindl) in South-Central Alaska by Tara Luna



This is a sample of the latest awards shown in OrchidPro. The diversity of orchids seen in the judging system is awe-inspiring. Check in frequently to view the 100 most recent awards. While in OrchidPro, click on any one photo and read the details, measurements and description for each award. Find out when and where it was exhibited, and the exhibitor for each orchid. Select the VIEW ALL AWARDS button to compare the current award to previously awarded clones. Orchids are a continuing education.



AOS members have access to over 2,050 articles published between the years 2003 - 2009 and 2011 - 2018 through the digital archives. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

MEMBERS are privileged to VIEW the beauty and diversity of awarded orchids in every issue of ORCHIDS magazine and in OrchidPro. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor
American Orchid Society | PO Box 565477 | Miami FL 33256-5477

Report from the July 13th Meeting

Abigail Chang, past President, welcomed everyone to our virtual ZOOM meeting of about 30 members. She reviewed the Zoom procedures and asked for suggestion on how to make these meetings better. Abigail asked for volunteers to join the Nominating

committee and we need to find a 1st vice president to replace Mike Foster who's stepping down for a bit. We'll wait for Alba Dennis, 2nd vice president to be present in order to announce the winner of the Gary Baker Service Award for exceptional contribution to the society during the 2019 membership year.

Longtime member Andy Wright was the main presentation of the evening. He walked us past his lovely vegetable garden in front of his 4 ft. stem wall on his 24' x 36' greenhouse. It sits below ground level with a potting shed at the entrance. Andy showed us his heater project which is computer controlled and can be regulated by wi-fi. He's got a fertilizer mixer connected to his water supply. The indoor space is split into 2 different climate sections, one is 12 x 24 (cool) and the other is 24 x 24 feet (warm). Andy installed swamp coolers which has greatly increased the humidity. With the new heating and humidity system, he can now grow more plants on mounts. He uses lots of air movement to reduce fungus and bacteria.



Andy Wright

We were then treated to a tour up and down the aisles and benches of his greenhouse. Much like the plant table talks he often gives at our in-person meetings, Andy pointed out all the different plants, flowers, and growing techniques throughout his greenhouse. There was an abundance of beautiful and marvelous blooms, plants and growing advice. Even though it was a lot of work, his new automated systems have given Andy a lot more time to enjoy his extensive collection of orchids. Thanks Andy, for giving us a peek into your wonderful growing space!

Abigail then lead a presentation and discussion of the Virtual Plant Table plant photos that our members had recently shared with us. Each grower was able to talk about their plants. Those photos, along with those more recently received are presented below.

Virtual Plant Table

The July meeting was conducted via Zoom and the August picnic was cancelled. So we missed out on a physical gathering with a speaker and beautiful plant table. Rather than miss out completely, we are presenting a virtual Plant table. In this way we can still see the wonderful blooms that our members have so carefully cultivated. Photos are provided by each grower. Enjoy.



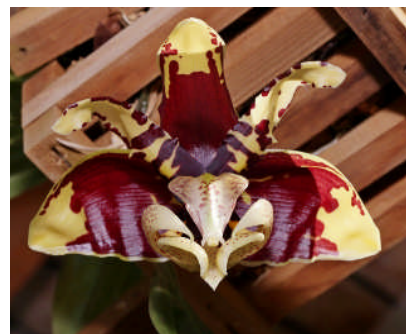
Coryanthes macrantha,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Check out the progress of Mike and Donna's *Coryanthes macrantha* as the bud opens in these 4 photos.



Stanhopea jenischiana, Steve Dorsey



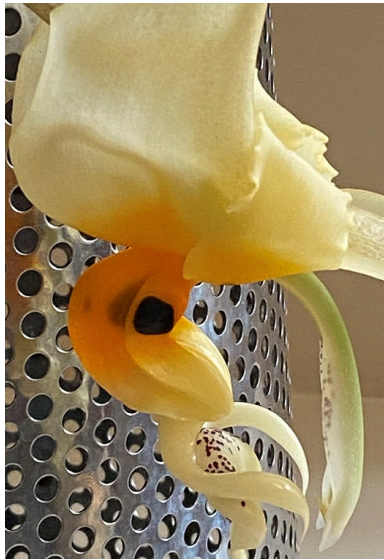
Stanhopea tigrina 'Aztec Gold',
Steve Dorsey



Stanhopea Ronsard, (wardii x oculata)
Mike Foster/Donna Pierce
Great fragrance! Two more spikes
opened, and there's two more to come.



Stanhopea frymirei,
Steve Dorsey

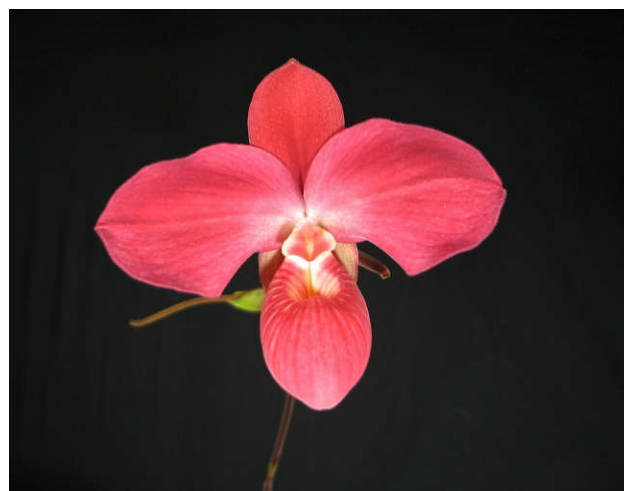


Stanhopea embreei, Michael Cory



Stanhopea tigrina v. *nigroviolacea*,
Gordon Cromwell

Stanhopea tigrina,
Steve Dorsey



Phrag. Cardinale,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce

Phragmapedium Memoria Emma Decker,
Robert Culver



Paph. Dark Master 'No. 2' x (Zellwood Station x sukhakulii) 'Fat Baby'), Bill Leicht



Paph. parishii, Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



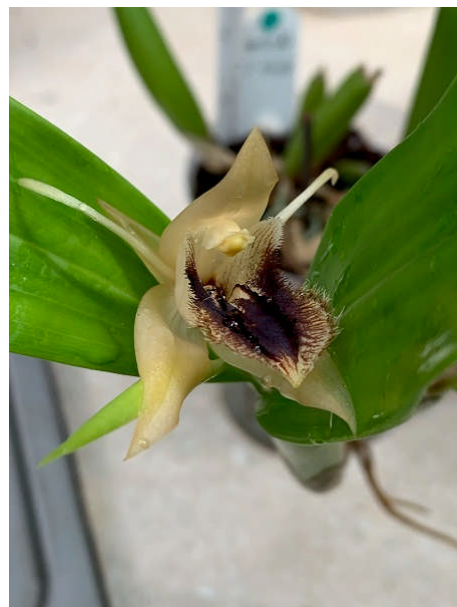
Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ford Cascade', Bill Leicht



Gastrorchis francoisii 'Stony Point', Robert Culver



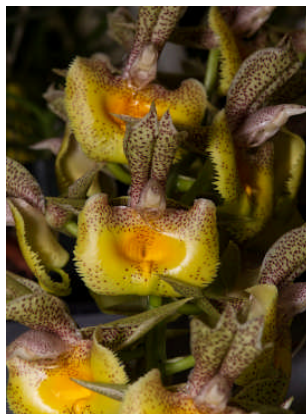
Coelogyne Orchideengarten Joachim (salmonicolor x usitana), Diane Drisch



Coelogyne fuliginosa, Gordon Cromwell



Monnierara Millenium Magig 'Witchcraft',
Bill Leicht



Catesetum Spotted Dragon,
Steve Dorsey



Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy
Chips' FCC/AOS x Ctsm. Dentineum
'Best', Diane Drisch



Schoenorchis fragrans, Steve Dorsey



Aerangis ellisii "Marisa's Swans",
Robert Culver



Angraecum didieri,
Jeannie Nadeau



Vanda Motes Pixie Dust
(vietnamica X Motes Ruby Pixie),
Steve Dorsey



Vanda Twinkle,
Steve Dorsey



Vanda Pachara Delight 'Somsri',
Bill Leicht



Oda Florispum x Ray Buckman,
Robert Culver



Oda Shonan Pinky 'Royal Ray',
Robert Culver



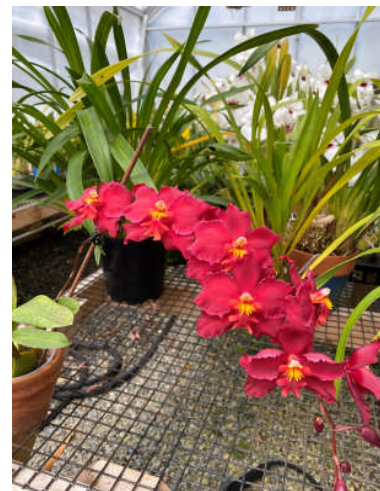
Odontioda (Shelley 'Spring Dress' x Castle de Stro),
Robert Culver



Odontioda Gail Gettle 'Pacifica',
Robert Culver



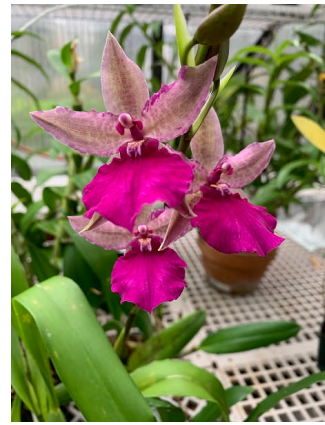
Odontioda Woodlands,
Robert Culver



Oda Taw 'Remembrance',
Robert Culver



Degarmora shibumi,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Odn. Pacific Paranoia 'Other side of Cool',
Gordon Cromwell



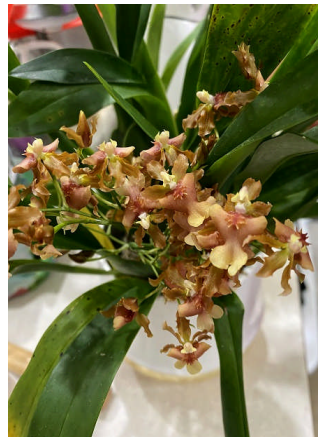
Oncda Pacific Pagan_Kiiauea,
Don Bilbrey



Oncostele Eye Candy 'Pinkie',
Michael Cory



Caucaea phalaenopsis,
Robert Culver



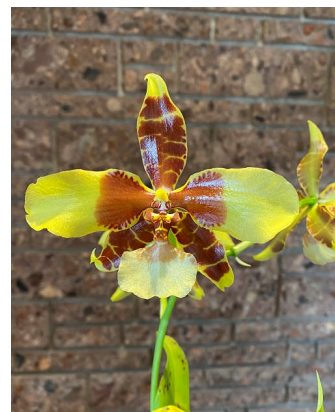
Oncidium Rosy Sunset 'F',
Yoshitaka Nagamatsu



Zelenkoa onusta,
Robert Culver



Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos',
Steve Dorsey



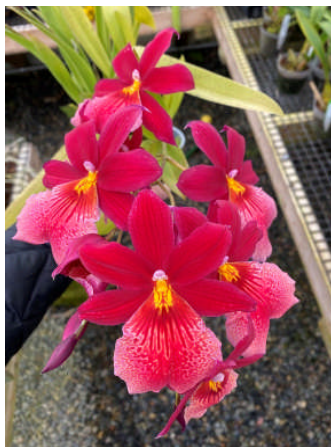
Rossioglossum williamsianum,
Robert Culver



Carpenterara Sydney Smith 'Green Monkey'
AM/AOS, Nancy Wright



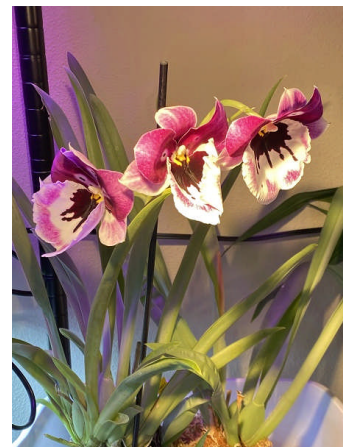
Gomesa crispa, Steve Dorsey
Still 2 more spikes to open, but you get the idea.
Very easy to grow and bloom



Burrageara Nelly Isler 'Swiss Beauty',
Robert Culver



Chytroglossa_aurata,
Don Bilbrey



Miltoniopsis Lila Fearneyhough 'H624',
Yoshitaka Nagamatsu



Mps phalaenopsis 'Hawk Hill',
Robert Culver



Miltoniopsis,
Steve Dorsey



Miltoniopsis Andrea West HOF,
Michael Cory



Miltoniopsis Bob Hoffman x Red Tide,
Robert Culver



Miltoniopsis,
Barb Roberts



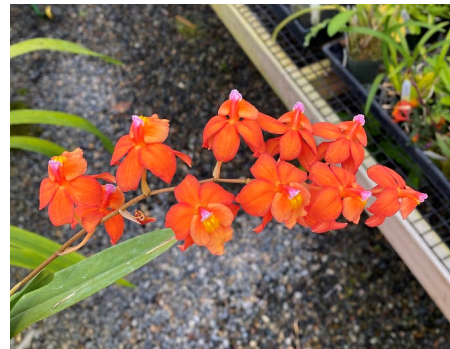
Miltonia Sunset TJ,
Steve Dorsey



Cochlioda noeziiana #2,
Robert Culver



Cochlioda noeziiana
'Cindy's' 4N,
Robert Culver



Cochlioda noeziiana #3,
Robert Culver



Brassavola Aristocrat
(Digbyana X Glauca),
Steve Dorsey



Brassavola Nodosa,
Don Bilbrey



Blc Sally Tallrx Waikiki gold,
Nancy Wright



Blc. Lawless Walkiire 'The Ultimate'.
Gordon Cromwell,
A very reliable bloomer.



Blc Kaboom x Pot Golden Circle,
Joff Morgan (first bloom)



Slc Purple Doll x Pot Rubescence,
Joff Morgan (first bloom)



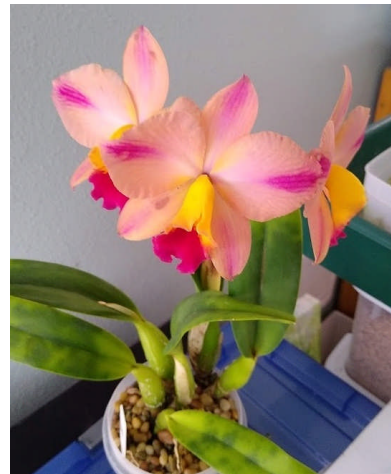
Slc Mae Hawkins 'Newberry' HCC/AOS,
Steve Dorsey



Slc_Bright_Angel_x_Sc_Batemaniana,
Steve Dorsey



Potinara Georgia Peach x Pot. Fire House,
Joff Morgan (first bloom)



Slc Tokyo Life 'A', Joff Morgan
(fourth bloom, super fragrant)



Slc Tokyo Life 'B',
Joff Morgan (first bloom, fragrant)



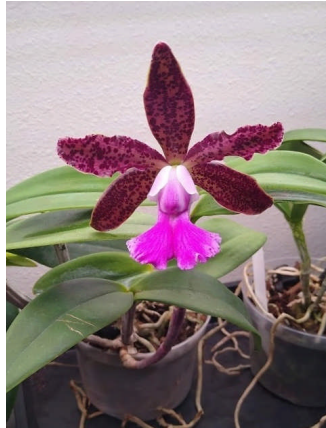
Slc Tokyo Life x Pot Telling Lies,
Joff Morgan (first bloom)



Cattleya_intermedia_coreula,
Steve Dorsey



Cattleya_Grapewax,
Steve Dorsey



Cattleya Lacey Michelle Matherne,
Joff Morgan (sweet night fragrance)



Cattleya Landate,
Joff Morgan (fragrant)



Cattleya Summer Spot,
Nancy Wright



Cattleya Petite Doll,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Lc. Loog Tone 'SD',
Gordon Cromwell



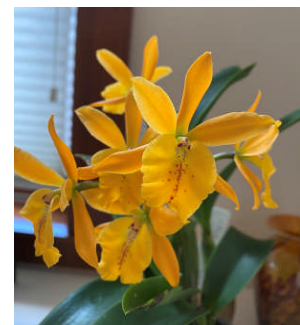
Cattleya Clive Brown,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Cattleya_luteola,
Steve Dorsey



Cattleya Ports of Paradise,
Steve Dorsey



Epicatanthe Don Herman,
Michael Cory



Plantanthera elongata,
Stephen Dorsey



Masdevallia coccinea 'Santa Barbara's
Carmen Beauty', Robert Culver



Stenoglottis longifolia,
Diane Drisch



Stenoglottis Olympia
(Sngl. Venus x longifolia),
Diane Drisch



Stenoglottis Tacoma
(Sngl. fimbriata x Longwood),
Diane Drisch



Stenoglottis woodii,
Diane Drisch



Bulb grandiflorum,
Don Bilbrey



Bulbophyllum lobbii,
Stephen Dorsey



Bulbophyllum hirtum,
Don Bilbrey, I've had this raffle win
for several years without knowing
it's name 'til it bloomed this very
delicate flower stem



Bulbophyllum sikkimense,
Stephen Dorsey



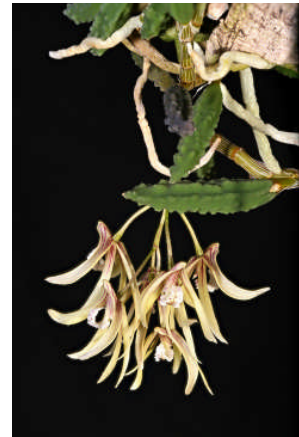
Bulbophyllum Elizabeth_Ann Buckleberry,
Steve Dorsey



D. Thonchai Gold 'Pinawattana',
Yoshitaka Nagamatsu



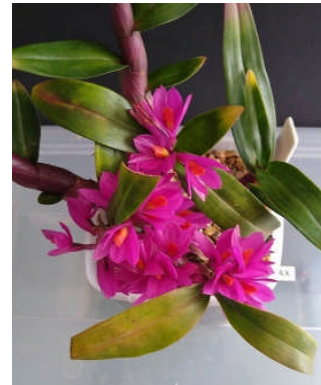
Den auriculatum,
Joff Morgan



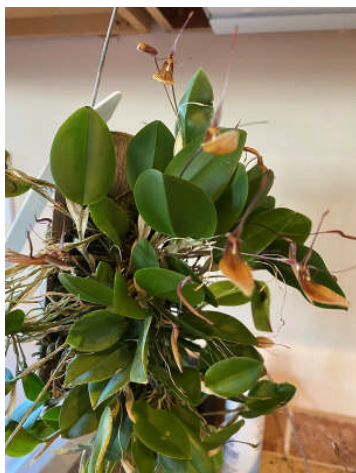
Dendrobium cucumerinum (aka
Dockrilla), Stephen Dorsey



Dendrobium Hibiki 'Tiny Bubbles',
Steve Dorsey



Dendrobium Hibiki 'Tiny Bubbles',
Joff Morgan



Restrepia trichoglossa,
Michael Cory
has been in bloom since February



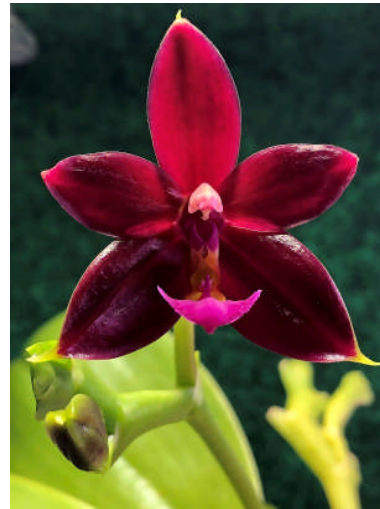
Epidendrum porpax,
Steve Dorsey



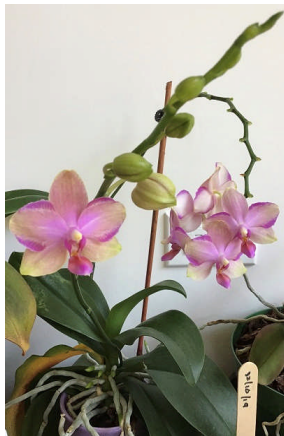
Kefersteinia tomlinensis has seven blossoms at once. It never stops blooming.
Gordon Cromwell



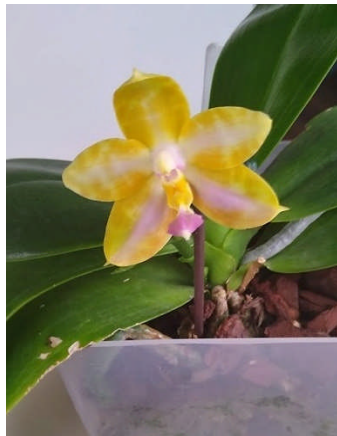
Barb Roberts group



Phalaenopsis Valentini, Jeannie Nadeau



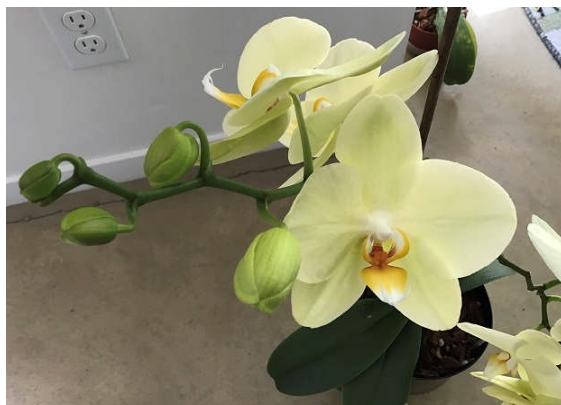
Phalaenopsis NoID,
Barb Roberts



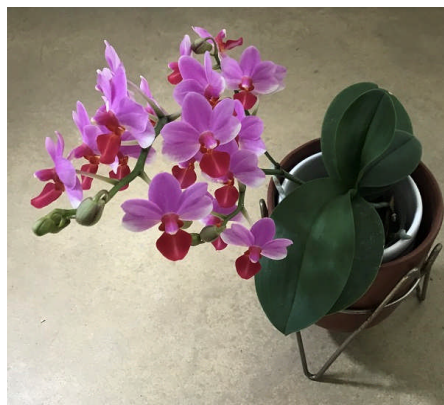
Phalaenopsis Pylo's Fox,
Joff Morgan



Phalaenopsis Sweet Talk,
Mike Foster and Donna Pierce



Phalaenopsis NoID,
Barb Roberts



Phalaenopsis NoID,
Barb Roberts



Phalaenopsis NoID,
Barb Roberts



Phalaenopsis Orchid World 'Carmela' AM/AOS,
Barb Roberts



Phalaenopsis Hieroglyphic,
Dan W. Carmichael
this plant has been with me for 15 years



inside the Indian Pipe,
Gordon Cromwell



Indian Pipe (*Monotropa uniflora*) found near bloomed out *Corallorhiza maculata*,
Gordon Cromwell
sometimes when you're in the woods looking for native orchids, you come across other cool plants

Schedule of Upcoming Events

September 14, 2020 - NWOS Virtual meeting - Speaker: Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn, "Multifloral Paphiopedilum and their Culture".

October 3&4, 2020 - Fall Show and Sale at VPC - **Cancelled**

October 12, 2020 - NWOS Virtual meeting - Speaker: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, topic TBA.

November 9, 2020 - NWOS Virtual meeting - Speaker: Mary Gerritsen, topic TBA.

December 14, 2020 - NWOS meeting (format TBD) - Holiday Potluck, Introduction of new Officers, and Orchid Awards

Reminder for Officers & Board Members

The schedule of Board Meetings for this membership year is: 11/4/20 (Wednesday - Virtual on Zoom).

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Special Announcements

No Special Announcements this month.