



THE KEIKI



Coming Soon



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Our next meeting will be on Saturday, July 15, 2023 doors open at 11 AM featuring Accent Orchids

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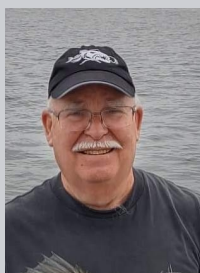
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President's Message



Hello everyone! I hope all of your orchids are growing well this summer and blooming too. In this hot weather, you may need to water them more often if they're outdoors, particularly vandas and anything that's mounted. Keep a sharp eye out for insect pests like thrips, scale and spider mites. I mix up some systemic insecticide (I'm using BioAdvanced Complete Insect Killer right now) in a hand sprayer and spray the new buds weekly as soon as they start to emerge to control thrips.

Spider mites are difficult to control because they're not insects and aren't affected by insecticides. If you see signs of them (for example sil-vering on the tops of leaves, and fine webs on the bottom) then you need to use a miticide and be sure to spray the undersides of the leaves. I've had good results with Neem oil, but you must be careful not to spray it in the direct sun and high temperatures or you risk burning the leaves. The Florida Orchid Growing Facebook group also has a recipe for something they call "kill sauce" which is a mix of alcohol, Formula 409 and water that is supposed to be effective but I haven't tried it yet.

We had a great meeting in June, with the best attendance I've seen in a long time, and a terrific show table. Thanks to everyone who brought in plants to show off! Our speaker, Dayanette from Ecuagenera, gave a very interesting talk on the orchids from Ecuador (there are apparently thousands of them native to that country) and she brought some great plants with her for sale. I hope everyone enjoyed the meeting.

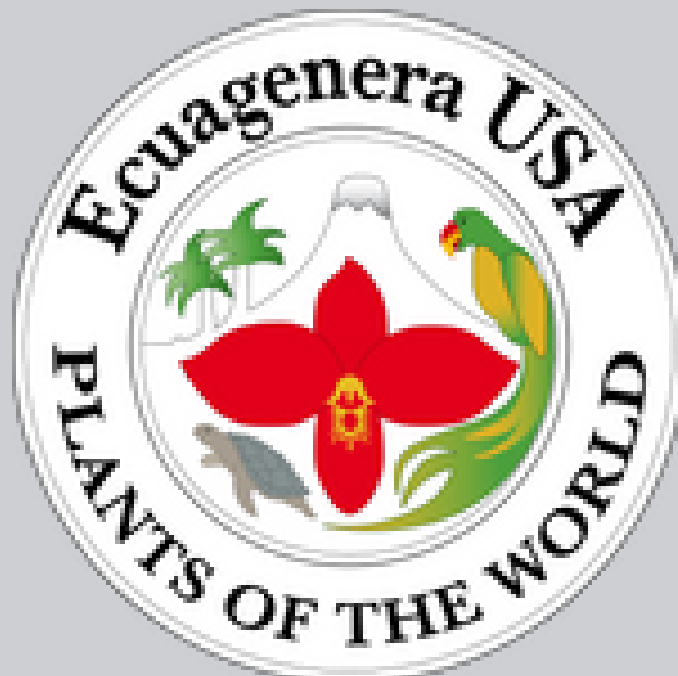
Our speaker in July will be Bret Ullery from Accent Orchids in St. Petersburg. That's bound to be an interesting talk too, and I'm sure he'll have some great plants for sale. The meeting is back on the 3rd Saturday, July 15th.

Please don't forget that our annual auction is coming up on August 19th. We expect to have a lot of great plants including some from growers we haven't bought from before, so don't miss it. We can also use any divisions you may have made from your own plants, and/or perhaps plants that you don't want to grow anymore and would like to replace with something else.

Best wishes, and STAY COOL !!

Matt

Thank you Ecuagenera for the amazing presentation for our June meeting



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NCOS speaker schedule through December 2023

Updated as of 3/1/2023

Note: Dates *** are different from our normal 3rd Saturday schedule, as the facility is not available on our normal dates those months.

March 18th/19th – annual orchid show

April 15th – Bill Nunez – Vanilla orchids in FL

May 20th – repotting workshop

***June 24th – Ecuagenera/Dayanette

July 15th – Bret Ullery – Accent Orchids

August 19th – Auction

September 16th – Norman Fang (tentative)

***October 14th - Picnic

November - TBD

December 16th - <Holiday Party>



Membership Notes

by Arlene Appelbaum

Our monthly meeting, held on June 24th, was attended by over 37 members. We welcomed 4 new and 1 returning member to our society, which brings our new total to 104 paid and 12 honorary folks to our NCOS family

Don't forget our July 15th meeting

Reminder, I am holding quite a few member badges that have been paid for but not yet picked up. Please do so when you attend the next meeting.

Arlene Appelbaum
Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Report as of

Prior bal. as of 2023:	\$
Total receipts (raffle, etc.):	\$
Total disbursements:	\$
Bank bal. as of 2023:	\$
Outstanding Checks:	\$
Cash On Hand 2023:	\$

MEMBERS:

Arlene has graciously taken over sending get-well cards and sympathy cards to members. If you know of any members who are ill or grieving, please send her an email to let her know at fluffy2cats@gmail.com



THANK YOU!

Monthly Checklist for July and August From AOS

Cattleya

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising air-flow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason

Paphiopedilum

Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

Phalaenopsis

Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

High-elevation Plants

For cooler-growing plants, such as masdevallias, other pleurothallids and the like, the next few months will be a challenge. During the hottest times, keep your plants more shaded and be sure to keep the humidity level much higher. Do not let plants dry out. Delay any potting until the weather cools.



Beallara Diana DUnn 'Newberry' is a good example of the colorful patterns that *Oncidium* intergeneric hybrids offer.

Oncidium intergenerics

Many of the intergeneric crosses between odontoglossums and oncidiums, such as Odontocidium, Wilsonara and Colmanara, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.



The *Philippine species, Euanthe sandariana*, rewards growers with massive heads of flowers at the end of summer.

Vandaceous

Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants. Check flower spikes so that they can extend unimpeded for the best flower presentation later.

NCOS Show Table June 24th, 2023

Plant Name	Grower
Aeranthus Hsinying Ramosa	Matt Riesz
Aerides falcata	Randy Dugan
Neofinetia falcata	Jeff Rundell
Jumellea comorensis	Jeff Rundell
Vanda Hybrid	Gertie Messenger
V. Motes Banshee (V. liouvillei x V. insignis)	Bella Roberts
C. Village Chief North	Randy Dugan
Bc. Yellow Bird	Randy Dugan
Phal. deliciosum var. hookerianum	Matt Riesz
E. steinbachii x E. howardii	Bella Roberts
Rlc. Mayor Yamasaki	Matt Riesz
Phal. Cornu-cervi h.v. lamelligera	Jeff Rundell
Schoenorchis fragrans	Matt Riesz
Prosthechea cochleata	Jeff Rundell
Phal. bellina 'Fine Shape'	Jeff Rundell
E. tampensis var. semi alba	Bella Roberts
Pot. Paradise Rose 'My Valentine x Pot. Loud Nine 'Unbeatable'	Matt Riesz
E. Cindy	Matt Riesz
Encyclevola Jairak Canary	Matt Riesz
Phal. Golden Buddha	Sondra Dill
Paph. Hybrid	Gertie Messenger
Milioniopsis Hybrid	Gertie Messenger
Bc. Keowee 'Newbery'	Matt Riesz

**Thanks everyone for sharing your beautiful blooms
with us this month**



The Show Table



The swearing in of this years officers



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, August 19, 2023
Starts 12 PM

Orchid Auction

Located at Fellowship Hall
10515 Northcliffe Blvd
Spring Hill, FL 34608



Preview at 11 AM
Free Entry
Cash/Credit Card Accepted

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Beautiful Soft-leaved Orchids

Tim Culbertson
Calendar-ico

Thursday, July 20th, 2023
8:30 PM EST

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