



THE KEIKI



Coming Soon



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Our next meeting will be on Saturday, June 24, 2023 doors open at 11 AM featuring Ecuagenera *****NOTE DATE*** FOURTH SATURDAY**

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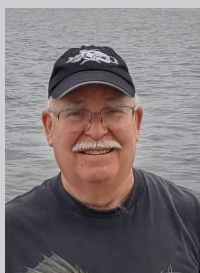
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**Northcliffe Baptist Church
10515 Northcliffe Blvd
Spring Hill, Florida 34608**

President's Message



Hi, orchid growers! The Summer season is upon us, and by now you should be well underway with your repotting efforts. I hope the workshop we held in May was helpful for everyone. Repotting is not really as hard as it seems, and your plants will reward you with new growth and better flowering. Don't be afraid to be a bit brutal, since sometimes it takes a lot of effort to extricate them from their pots. Spring and early Summer are good times to repot them because it gives them the best opportunity to grow new roots and acclimate to their new homes. If you're dividing a large plant, please consider keeping a division or two for our auction in August. More on that later.

We have some exciting events planned. This month, **ON JUNE 24TH**, our speaker will be Ecuagenera, talking about Ecuadoran orchids. They will have plants for sale, so members will NOT be able to sell plants at this meeting. Please make a note of the date, which is a week later than our usual meeting. On July 15th, we'll hear from Accent Orchids, who are always fun. In September we will have a special guest, Norman Fang, or Norman's Orchids in California Norman is a highly regarded expert in novelty Phalaenopsis and travels the world participating in major orchid events.

President's Message Continued

August 19th will feature our annual orchid auction. We'll hold that at our usual meeting place, and we expect to have about 200 orchids available. Your donations of divisions, or perhaps plants that you no longer want to grow for whatever reason, will help us greatly. This is our major yearly fundraiser and helps us with all the things we do over the course of the year. Please plan to join us and find some special orchids for your collections! (Hint: as an extra added incentive, this will be a nice, air-conditioned venue in the middle of August's hot weather.)

As we move into our rainy season, keep a sharp eye on your orchids that are outdoors, since the frequent rain and higher humidity are catalysts for fungal infections like black rot. Those can quickly overwhelm a plant if left untreated. Cattleyas seem especially susceptible. I treat my plants at least once per month with fungicide; products like Thiomyl, Subdue and Banrot are quite effective. If you DO see black rot, cut the affected growth well below the infection using a sterile tool like a single-use razor blade, and treat the cut with cinnamon or Physan. Keep a sharp eye out for thrips and mites, too, and treat with a systemic insecticide or miticide. Finally, while you're examining your plants, please take some pictures of the blooms and post them on our Facebook page for all to enjoy!

Happy growing,

Matt



It is exciting to have Ecuagenera for our speaker this month. Please remember that the date moved, for this month, to the 4th Saturday of this month June 24th

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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

We had a wonderful turnout for our May repotting workshop. With over 45 members in attendance plus guests, the afternoon proved to be a great learning experience for all. Our membership now totals 100 plus 12 life and honorary folks.

In addition, Annie Aierstock has volunteered to be our refreshment chair person, and will be contacting 3 members, Jennifer Mastin, Doris Keyser, and Eileen Molyet , who have signed up to bring snacks to our next meeting, June 24th.

Hope to see you there

Arlene Appelbaum
Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT

By

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!



Onc. Wildcat 'Golden Red Star'



Encyclia 'I'm Telling You 'Key Largo Jungle'



B. cucullata



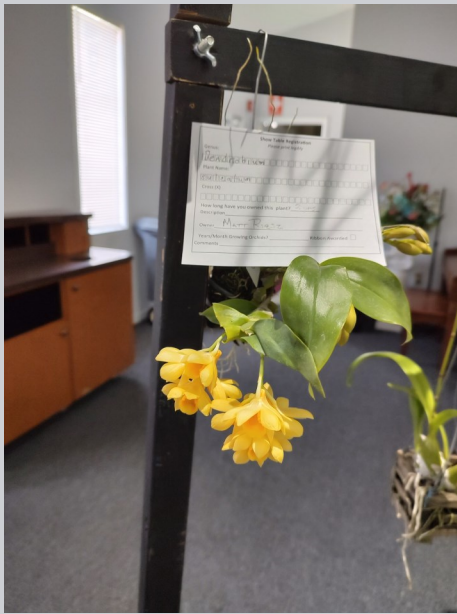
E. lancifolia



B. nodosa 'Susan Fuchs' x C. purpurata



B. nodosa



Den. sulcatum



Jkf. Apple Blossom



Encycyola Jairak Canary



C. Mishima Spots



Laelia hybrid

Repotting Day



Article from Lady Vanda Orchids

Thanks for allowing us to share with our society

So you bought an Aranda... What



What is an Aranda (Mokara)?

By far one of the most common questions, we get when we bring these to a show. They look similar enough to vandas, but the bloom shape and display method tends to throw some orchidists off. Aranda orchids are intergeneric hybrids between *Arachnis* and *Vanda*. Mokara included the addition of *Ascocentrum*, but that was consolidated into the genus *Vanda*. Thus, Mokara are now referred to as Aranda as well. They are often characterized by rounded star shaped blooms and moderately narrow strap leaves. The leaf attachment at the stem tends to also be at a more upright angle. You may find them often referred to as Vanda top cuttings as the most frequent method of cultivation and distribution is to cut large fans from specimen sized plants. These orchids are often sold bare-root, with no baskets, media or hangers.

Why buy an Aranda orchid?

If you are looking for sun loving, heat tolerant plants these should be your go to! In South Florida, they are often used in landscaping installations as they make excellent flowering displays. They can be adapted to full sun, and are often free flowering throughout the year, some varieties bloom back-to-back and put out flower spikes before the old spike is spent. Arandas are easy to care for once you get them established and will pay back handsomely with quick growth and multiple spikes.

So you bought an Aranda, now what?

Now that we have the basics out of the way, and we roped you into buying some more orchids, what do you do with them? Here is how we care for Arandas, and how to get the most bang for your buck. Aranda orchids do require some work upfront, but once they get established in your area, you won't want to grow anything else in your front yard.

1. As soon as you get your orchids home- water them. Since these are top cuttings, they will not have an oversized root system like an individual Vanda orchid. This is where the extra care comes in. You will want to water as often as possible, but ideally at least one heavy watering per day for the first few weeks.
2. Do not put your orchids in full sun immediately. Its best to have them in an area with bright indirect light- ideally a patio or front porch area where they don't get any direct light hitting their foliage. Allow 4-6 weeks to acclimate and begin growing some new root tips.
3. You may lose some bottom leaves, that's ok. These guys grow FAST! Much faster than normal vanda hybrids.
4. Spray your vandas with a good fertilizer, calcium + magnesium supplement, and a root starter. Root starters or hormones prioritize 'green growth' on your plants, so this includes your roots and foliage. Since these orchids are sold with varying root systems adding a root starter or hormone to your treatment protocol can get them going faster.

Our protocol is as follows. Apply this within a couple of days of acquiring your plants and then reapply 2x 10 days apart.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, August 19, 2023
Starts 12 PM

Orchid Auction

Located at Fellowship Hall
10515 Northcliffe Blvd
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Nature Coast Orchid Society

Preview at 11 AM
Free Entry
Cash/Credit Card Accepted

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Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by May 09</i>	He Came from the Land Down-Under Orchids Australia	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by June 06</i>	Dendrobiums of New Guinea Colorful Clusters for your Collection
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Tom Mirenda AOS <i>Orchids</i> Monthly Columnist, Professional Grower	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Carol Klonowski AOS Editorial Board Member and AOS Judge

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Many Thanks to all the orchid growers that donated plants to help make our annual auction a success



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