



# THE KEIKI



**Coming Soon**



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- February 26th will be our regular meeting, one week later than usual. Garden Trails will talk to us about media, chemicals, etc. for growing orchids. More info in Corbin's Corner.
- March 19th and 20th will be our annual orchid show, at the VFW. Set-up and plant registration will be on Friday March 18th. Come and "Dance with the Orchids" !! See page 3 for more details.
- Our April meeting will likely be at a **new venue**, to be announced. More info will be forthcoming at our February meeting!



## President's Message

**From Steve Mattana**

Good day everyone

Well, our first meeting of the new year went very well! We picked up some new members and we had a pretty full house of about 40 people. Pam Waters from Orchids In Bloom received a special award. She is now an honorary lifetime member of The Nature Coast Orchid Society. Pam has been very generous in working with us, her donations to our society have been phenomenal.

And now it's time to prepare for our spring show. Time is slowly creeping up on us. Waiting for volunteers to contact Matt Riesz, Mary Lou Mattana, or myself for volunteer positions. Mary Lou has been the chairperson for the show for a few years now. Please give her a call at 218-556-1855 and let her know what you would like to volunteer to do. This is Mary Lou's last year as show chairperson. Mary Lou will help whoever wants to volunteer for that position.

Elections are coming up. Matt Riesz has accepted the nomination to be president. We will need a first Vice President, a secretary, trustees and general volunteers. Please consider these positions on the board of directors. You're welcome to come to see what a board meeting is like in February. The meeting will take place on February 23 1 PM at the Weeki Wachee public library on Cortez Boulevard I encourage you to attend.

Until next month 26 February at 1 PM at the VFW club. Be well be safe

Steve

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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<b><u>President</u></b>	<b>Steve Mattana</b>
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(not an elected position)	

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**COMMITTEES**

<b><u>Bulletin (The Keiki)</u></b>	<b>Matt Riesz and Julie Smolka</b>
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<b><u>Historian</u></b>	<b>Mary Lou Mattana</b>
<b><u>Membership</u></b>	<b>Arlene and Arty Appelbaum</b>
<b><u>Publicity</u></b>	<b>Gertie Messenger</b>
<b><u>Refreshment Table</u></b>	<b>Volunteers please</b>
<b><u>Refreshment Reminders</u></b>	<b>Volunteers please</b>
<b><u>Show Table Report</u></b>	<b>Matt Riesz</b>
<b><u>Speaker Segment Writer</u></b>	<b>Corbin Beller</b>
<b><u>Trips</u></b>	<b>Volunteers please</b>
<b><u>Webmaster</u></b>	<b>Bob East</b>
	<b>(Website set up by Ken Dunn)</b>
<b><u>AOS Representative</u></b>	<b>Matt Riesz</b>

**Corbin's Corner**

Wow, What a fantastic meeting from Pam. Before Pam could start her presentation our president Steve presented Pam with a "Life Member" certificate making Pam an honorary life member. Once Pam gathered herself back together she began her discussion. The first topic that Pam spoke about was the elephant in the room, rhynchostylis gigantea. Pam always has a fantastic assortment of colors from deep red, to orange peach, and to white spotted pink. Pam first spoke about the medium. What media do you use with rhynchostylis gigantea? Pam went over growing in moss, watering twice a month only, bark watering once a week, and bare root everyday. (It is common to find gigantea growing in baskets or pots with chopped cork bark.) The way you choose to grow them is dependent on how much you want to water. Pam also discussed temperature. In Florida gigantea benefits from growing outdoors in the summer, the heat and humidity aid in the growth and make perfect conditions for this species from Thailand and other parts of Asia. It is imperative to not let these get below 40 degrees, this would be too cold and the leaves would brown and fall. Ideally keep the rhynchostylis gigantea above 50 degrees. Pam spoke about the age of blooming, it is between 5-7 years that they first bloom on small spikes. Then a few more years you will get a fantastic bloom spike and another few years you will be getting multiple spikes.

Pam then transitioned into cattleya walkeriana. She spoke about this species coming from Brazil and how they grow in nature. Found from sea level up to 2,000 meters above the sea level this is an easily adaptable species. The walkeriana is found growing on rough bark trees and limestone rock, also along rivers growing on the mossy rocks. Pam showed us how she grows them, bare root in baskets, potted up and mounted being one of the most recommended because they often "walk" all around. Then she gave us a secret in growing walkeriana. You have to make sure there is no ambient light from anywhere reaching them, they need total darkness at nighttime to give a good display. Not all orchids are like this, it seems that walkeriana is sensitive to lights at night.



Mts. Pastoral 'Innocence'

Pam wrapped up her presentation speaking about fertilizing. She uses a balanced 20-20-20 fertilizer once a week and every 90 days she uses a 16-8-24. She passed around a few examples of media such as the clay balls or hydroton great for aiding in drainage and a mixture of bark charcoal and perlite. The presentation was great and had great feedback from the group. We will see more of Pam at the spring show and possibly in future meetings.

Our next meeting will be with Garden Trails. They will be speaking about different chemicals and media. Touching base on what fungicides are used for different issues as well as insecticides. Garden Trails will be bringing in an assortment of media, some hard to find such as shredded tree fern and orchid bark. We will be hosting them February 26, the fourth Saturday different from our third Saturday schedule.

## Exciting Events Coming Up!!

### NCOS Spring Orchid Show

### “Dancing with the Orchids”

### March 19th and 20th, 2022

Our 2022 annual orchid show will be held on March 19th and 20th at the VFW, with setup on Friday, March 18th. We'll need lots of volunteers to help with setup on the 18th, judging on the 19th and takedown on the 20th. Once again, our show will be AOS-judged. Of course, we'll also need your blooming plants! Now is the time to start preparing those plants for show—staking the emerging inflorescences; cleaning up any bugs, dead leaves, water stains on the leaves; etc.—whatever will help show your beautiful flowers to their best advantage.

### Some pictures from our 2021 show



# ORCHID QUIZ

(answers on last page)

## Florida Native Orchids

- 1) What makes Vandas begin to look like palm trees?
  - A. Too much water
  - B. Disease
  - C. Cold
  - D. All plants in Florida look this way
- 2) What temperature is too cold for Vandas?
  - A. 70 to 75 degrees
  - B. 65 to 70 degrees
  - C. 50 to 65 degrees
  - D. Below 50 degrees
- 3) Signs of cold damage can be
  - A. Leaves develop dark spots
  - B. Leaves become limp
  - C. Leaves fall off
  - D. All of the above
- 4) Damage from the cold can cause orchids to be more susceptible to fungal disease
  - A. True
  - B. False
- 5) Ways to protect your orchids from cold temperatures
  - A. Greenhouse
  - B. Heaters
  - C. Bring them inside
  - D. Cover them with a blanket
  - E. All of the above



## Membership Notes for January

by Arlene Appelbaum

I want to personally give a big thank you to my husband, Arty, and dear friend and member, Apple Rivers, for taking over for me at the January meeting. As you know, this time can be slightly hectic due to new members joining plus collection of dues for the calendar year 2022. People were extremely patient and everything seemed to proceed smoothly. With over 50 folks in attendance, we welcomed 8 new members and renewed 33 memberships bringing out total numbers to 149.

**DUES ARE DUE NOW.** If you haven't taken care of it by now, please come to the meeting on February 26th and bring your checkbook. Dues this year are \$20 for an individual member, or \$25 for a family all living at the same address.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

By Yvette Lewis

### Current Report as of 1/31/2022:

Prior bal. as of 12/31/2021:	\$ 14,951.74
Total receipts (raffle, etc.):	\$865.00
Total disbursements:	<u>\$645.63</u>
Bank bal. as of 1/31/2022:	\$15,171.11
Outstanding Checks:	\$ -
Cash On Hand 1/31/2022:	<u>\$15,171.11</u>

### 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](mailto:fluffy2cats@gmail.com)



THANK YOU!

## NCOS Show Table January 22nd, 2022

Plant Name	Grower
Den. friedericksonianum	Matt Riesz
Rlc. Pastoral 'Innocence'	Dan Grant
Vanda My Baby	Faye Edwards
Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside' AM/AOS	Bella Roberts
Rhyncolaelia glauca	Jeff Rundell
Phal. Hybrid - large white	Dan Grant

I'm very happy that so many plants were brought to our the show table this month. It's a dreary time of year and this is the perfect time for our orchids to show off and make us happy. Thank You to everyone who brought them! There were several other plants on our show table this month besides those in this list for everyone to ooh and aah over, but they did not have label cards, so I can't remember them all. Please do put a label on your plants that your newsletter editors can keep a record of them. (Matt)



Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite



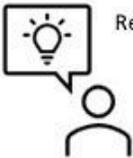
Den. friedericksonianum



Vanda My Baby



Phal.  
Hybrid

<p><b>ORCHIDS</b> The Bulletin of the American Orchid Society</p>  <p>Reprint</p>	<p><b>CONTENTS</b> February 2014 Volume 83 Number 2</p> <p><b>PARTING SHOT</b></p> <p><b>How to Kill Your Orchids</b></p> <p>By Milton O. Carpenter – An Acknowledged Expert on the Subject</p>
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I have been growing, and killing, orchids for 35 years now and it occurred to me that I should pass on to others some of the more basic, as well as advanced methods I have discovered, and in some cases “stumbled upon” to accomplish this task!

**BASIC RULES** Never seek information on how to keep them alive. For example, do not try to distinguish what KIND of orchid you have, do not ask for help from other orchid growers, do not read *Orchids*, do not go to local orchid society meetings, and do not purchase the AOS handbook on orchid pests and diseases.

**RATHER OBVIOUS FUNDAMENTAL METHODS** Aside from pouring on gasoline and striking a match, consider the following: Give your orchids far too little or too much light. As most orchids like fairly good air movement, either give them none at all or a veritable hurricane. Do not worry about what particular temperature your orchids like – a good “rule of thumb” is to treat them all alike. Forget that most orchids like rather high humidity and let the humidity drop as low as it will. Never “damp down” the benches and floors on really hot days. Remember to water every orchid every day (drench thoroughly) regardless of what kind of medium or pots they are in - or very seldom water them at all, allowing the pseudobulbs (those things between the top of the pot and the base of the leaves) to become very shriveled and wrinkled. Never be concerned about the quality of the water you are using - whether it is loaded with chlorides, sulfides, or what have you. Repot your orchids only when you have to and only “when you have spare time.” Use just about anything handy as a potting medium, it really does not matter and there is no truth to the thinking that certain types like different potting medium (that is the stuff you put in the pot). Potting in plain old dirt from your garden is a good idea. Fertilize only once or twice a year, but when you do – really pour it on, perhaps triple or quadruple the recommended strength. Try to never be concerned about insects or diseases – just let nature take its course.

**ADVANCED RULES** Because orchids prefer the full light spectrum, put them under badly discolored fiberglass or perhaps brightly colored plastic. Arrange your greenhouse or growing area near a bright city streetlamp so they will not know the difference between night and day. Try to locate your orchids as near as possible to heavily traveled roads – the carbon monoxide (and other goodies) will help with your job. Keep turning each pot around about one quarter turn each day so they will become thoroughly disoriented. If it gets cold, put an unvented kerosene heater in your greenhouse – the fumes will work wonders. If it gets really cold, do not do anything — perhaps they will just go into hibernation. When you water, always try to water late in the afternoon or, preferably, at night – the water standing in the new leads creates unusual effects. When potting your plants, always use a pot about four times as large as the plant’s roots, remembering that that is the way they grow in nature. If your plant starts to look sick, **NEVER** take it out of the pot to see what is happening with the roots, after all, what you cannot see cannot hurt you, can it? Should you notice some sort of insect on a plant, just put it under the faucet and wash the critters off – do not bother to check the other plants in its vicinity and do not worry about some kind of pesticide, that stuff is hard to handle properly and besides, it leaves the greenhouse smelling poorly for days. Keep your leaves clean – never spray a preventive fungicide as it leaves an ugly residue. Always use the same knife or plant shears when cutting from one plant to another and do not bother to sterilize – if one has some sort of malady, soon they will all share!

I am sure there are those of you who have discovered more unusual ways to kill your orchids, but I have only been growing these plants for 35 years and I am still a’ learnin’!

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**EDITOR’S NOTE** *The suggestions above are, obviously, all tongue-in-cheek but, unfortunately, we all do one or more of these at some point in our growing experience. Local societies are invaluable as sources of information relative to your specific issues. Who best to understand your local problems than others who are dealing with them. The AOS is invaluable for vetted orchid knowledge. It is true that “it is all available on the web” but that also includes the obviously incorrect as well as that which masquerades as correct. Invest in books, they are another source of invaluable growing knowledge. Ask! No question is dumb. We all, deep down inside know that, but how many of us remember it when it is important?*

## The American Orchid Society Webinars

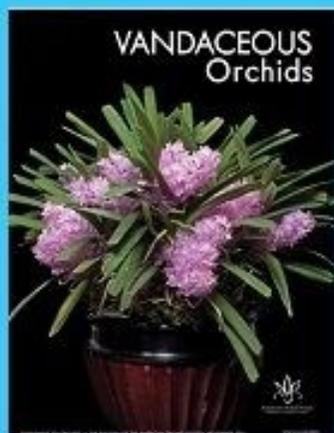
Webinars are online video presentations. You can register for an upcoming webinar or watch the recorded webinars any time. Some webinars require you to be an AOS member.

# Webinars-Coming Attractions!



<b>When</b>	February 15, 2022 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 23, 2022 8:30pm EST Wednesday	March 16, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday	March 22, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday
<b>Topic</b>	A Guide to Modern LED Lighting How to set up an indoor grow area	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	The Story of Jewel Orchids Glistening Gems of the Forest Floor	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
<b>Presenter</b>	Kelly McCracken Owner High Desert Orchids, Miniature Orchid Specialist	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Nicholas Rust Orchid hybridizer with a passion for terrestrials	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

Go here to join the AOS:  
<https://secure.aos.org/join/new-membership>



# AOS Orchid Culture Day

Pour Your Coffee and Prepare Brunch!  
Enjoy a Day with these Delightful Speakers

Explore the Virtual World of Vandaceous Orchids

SATURDAY, January 29, 2022

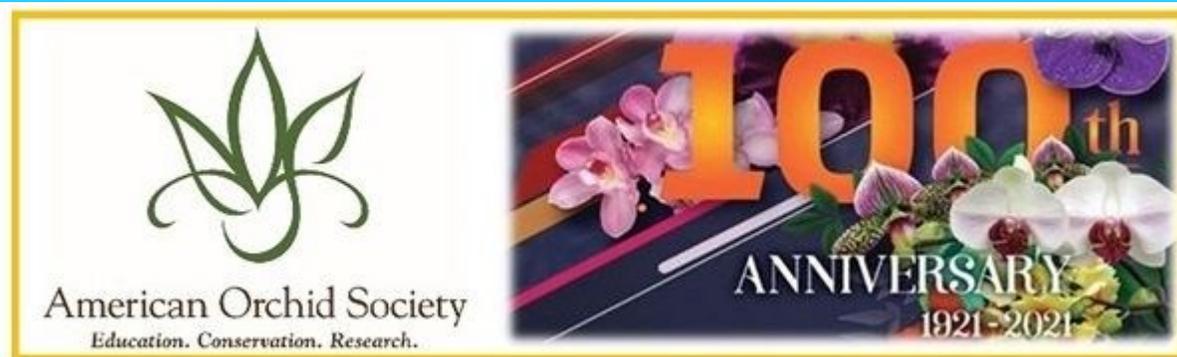
Start Time 10 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time)

\$30 USD

Building on the 2021 Bodacious Vandaceous Orchids Magazine Supplement, this is an opportunity to learn more about the VANDA family of orchids.

Tune in to presentations by four distinguished speakers.

- 1) **Kim Fedderson** from *Fair Orchids*: Yes, You Can Grow Vandaceous Orchids at Home
- 2) **Jason Fischer** from *Orchids Limited*: The Culture & History of *Vanda falcata* (formerly *Neofinetia*)
- 3) **Bob Fuchs** Pres. of *RF Orchids*: The Latest Trends in Vanda Hybridizing
- 4) **Brenda Oviatt** from *Botanica Ltd.*: Angraecoids - Conservation and Culture



## Centennial Celebration at the Spring Members Meeting

Make plans now to attend this once in a lifetime event. Come meet and mingle with other orchid enthusiasts that support the mission of the AOS, **April 06-09, 2022**. Meet the office staff. Come hear what is happening in the AOS. Learn about the people who volunteer their time to this passion we all love. All AOS members are invited to attend committee and board meetings. Sit in on a [committee](#) meeting. Commit to a committee! Become a new volunteer! It's peak season in South Florida. Don't wait to book your [accommodations](#)! Explore the historic Biltmore hotel in Coral Gables. [Register now](#)

*Tampa Bay Orchid Society, Inc.*

# Orchids By the Bay

## SHOW and SALE

### March 5-6, 2022

- Door Prizes
- Artistic Orchid Exhibits
- Orchid Plants, Supplies and Related Items for Sale
- Repotting Available

American Orchid Society  
Judged Show

Plant Registration Entries  
Open to the Public

All entries eligible for AOS  
Awards, Ribbons and Trophies

See Our Website Show Page  
for Details

**Saturday, 10-5 and Sunday, 10-4**

Tampa Scottish Rite, 5500 Memorial Hwy, Tampa, FL 33634

Orchid Vendors

- ACCENT Orchids
- ARTSTONE Orchids
- BREDREN Orchids
- KRULL-SMITH Orchids
- LOUIS DEL FAVERO Orchids
- MIRANDA Orchids
- SMILEY Orchids

**General Admission \$5**

*\$1 discount for members of AOS and other orchid societies with proof of membership*

Ages 12 and under & 80 and over FREE entry

Purchase a society membership in advance, or at the door, and get in FREE all weekend

Supplies and Related Items

- Cotton, Silk, Porcelain—Orchid Pottery
- Garden Trails—Specialty Plant Products
- Hicks Orchid Supplies
- Orchidabilia—Themed Wearables and more



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TampaBayOrchidSociety>

The Jacksonville Orchid Society Presents

# Orchid Fantasy

## Show & Sale, March 19-20, 2022— Free Admission

10:00–6:00 Saturday; 10:00–4:00 Sunday

Mandarin Garden Club

2892 Loretto Road, Jacksonville, FL 32223





The Society meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month, at 1pm, at the Spring Hill VFW Post 8681 18940 Drayton St. at County Line Rd

Enjoy great speakers, fantastic raffle prizes and beautiful orchids on display.

[www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com](http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com)



Quiz answers:

- 1) C.
- 2) D.
- 3) D.
- 4) A.
- 5) E.