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★★★★★ **Coming in January** ★★★★★

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January 22nd will be our regular meeting, one week later than usual. Pam Waters will be our speaker.

February 26th will be our regular meeting, again one week later than usual

We wish you all good health and happy times during this holiday season!

Remember that dues are due in January, so bring your checkbook to the meeting.

See you in January!

Your editors,

Matt and Julie

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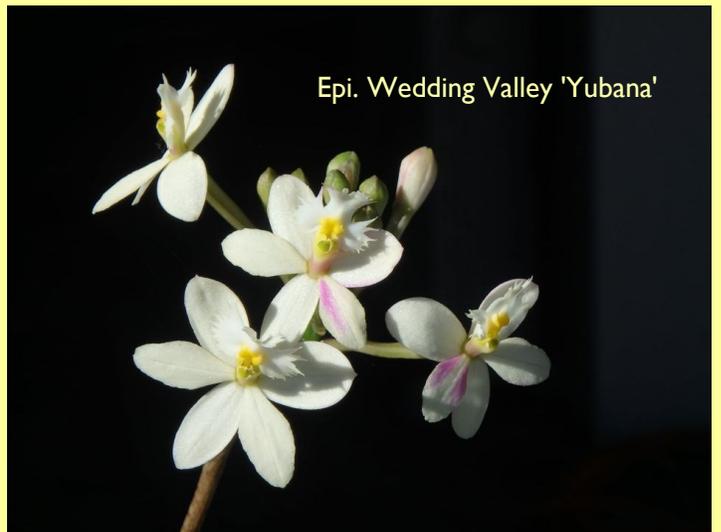


Monnierara Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft'

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Epi. Wedding Valley 'Yubana'



Bl. Yellow Bird



Brassavola nodosa

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





**Membership Notes
for December**
by Arlene Appelbaum

There is no membership report this month, but we would like to remind everyone that dues for the 2022 year will be due in January. Please bring your checkbooks with you to the January meeting, as checks are our easiest way to keep track of who has paid.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Yvette Lewis

**Current Report as of
11/30/2021:**

Prior bal. as of 8/31/2021:	\$15,646.70
Total receipts (raffle, etc.):	\$100.00
Total disbursements:	<u>\$(1,344.96)</u>
Bank bal. as of 9/30/2021:	\$14,401.74
Outstanding Checks:	\$ -
Cash On Hand 9/30/2021:	<u>\$14,401.74</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

THANK YOU!



ORCHID QUIZ

1. **Dendrobiums are found:**
 - A. Western India
 - B. Micronesia
 - C. Nearly 1/4 of the planet
 - D. All of the above
2. **Which Dendrobiums relish the cold?**
 - A. Den. phalaenanth
 - B. Den spatulate
 - C. Den. anosmum
 - D. None of the above
3. **What facilitates Dendrobium nobile to bloom:**
 - A. Cold
 - B. Drought
 - C. Temperatures over 90 all year
 - D. A and B
4. **Hard cane Dendrobiums:**
 - A. Bloom with a couple days of below-60 weather
 - B. Prefer temperatures above 60
 - C. A and B
 - D. Can tolerate temperatures in the 30's
5. **In addition to Nobile Dendrobiums, cold-loving orchids include:**
 - A. Calanthe
 - B. Cymbidium
 - C. Many Cattleyas tolerate 40's
 - D. All of the above

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TOM'S MONTHLY CHECKLIST

Reprint **December: The Month of Gifts**

By Thomas Mirenda

They say it is better to give than to receive, but I am not so sure that is entirely true. Sure, seeing the joy and satisfaction on a loved one's face as they unwrap that perfect present you hand selected and lovingly wrapped for them can be an absolutely sublime pleasure. But it can be equally sublime to be on the receiving end of the transaction too. Gifts are not always material things. All of us have been blessed with unique combinations of talents and abilities that are ours alone, bestowed upon us by some benign force. We have also all been given our own unique sorrows, burdens and insecurities by forces that seem random, unfair and arbitrary. Yes, gifts are not always all that pleasant to get, and often involve dutiful responsibility and conscientious effort to preserve and protect them once received.

At the Smithsonian Gardens Orchid Collection, we are occasionally entrusted with legacy collections. These often consist of beloved, pampered plants that were carefully nurtured by someone's loving care for many decades. Thirty-year old specimen plants can be really magnificent and such extravagant gifts make our collection even more special. But having such plants entrusted to us is a serious responsibility. It is our stability and commitment to collection excellence that allows people to have enough confidence to gift us with such outstanding treasures. Indeed, it is truly wonderful to "receive."

GIVE ME A BREAK With the shortest daylengths of the year coming up this month, many orchids need a serious rest at this time. Deciduous orchids such as catasetums, lycastes, nobile dendrobiums, habenarias and several others require extremely dry conditions in winter and can be seriously harmed by over exposure to water. Once a plant shuts down its metabolism for the season, a soaking will most likely make that plant rot away. Even plants that retain their leaves, such as cattleyas, oncidiums and phalaenopsis are still growing more slowly or gearing up to bloom and do not require nearly the amount of food and water they did in the spring and summer seasons.

GIMME SHELTER In temperate areas of the Northern Hemisphere, most orchids are being sheltered from the cold in greenhouses, light rooms and windowsills. Tropical orchids would not survive outdoors in colder climates. It is imperative that your growing area be well insulated from cold. Check to be sure there are no cold drafts or greenhouse cracks and that heaters, cold-alarms and circulating fans are in good working order. A little attention to winterizing your set up now can prevent serious heartbreak when the extreme cold weather hits.

GIVE AND STAKE Cymbidiums and phalaenopsis have been elongating their spikes this month and are starting to bud up nicely. As the buds fatten, spikes need additional support, or they will sag or even become pendent. This might be attractive on a mounted or hanging-basket plant, but virtually all potted orchid plants should have their spikes supported with a stake. Always try to do this before the flowers open or they might be angled funny. There is nothing more disconcerting than facing an orchid where the flower is sideways, or worse, upside down, because it was staked too late.

GIMME SOME LOVIN' This may sound a little crazy, but over the years, I have noticed that orchids can pick up on my mood. When I am distraught, so are they! They simply do not grow as well. When they all get the same care, and I am just going through the motions, they muddle along with me, but do not really thrive. However, when I admire and appreciate them all as individuals and take the time to enjoy and learn about each plant's individuality, it is then that my greatest growing successes come my way. I believe the plants can sense when they are truly admired and appreciated. If you give them that simple act of commitment and love, they will pay you back with the greatest gift of all, their spectacular flowers.

— Tom Mirenda has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades and is the past chair of the AOS Conservation Committee. He is an AOS accredited judge in the Hawaii Center (email: biophiliak@gmail.com) ORCHIDS Magazine (aos.org)

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 - On Demand!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>



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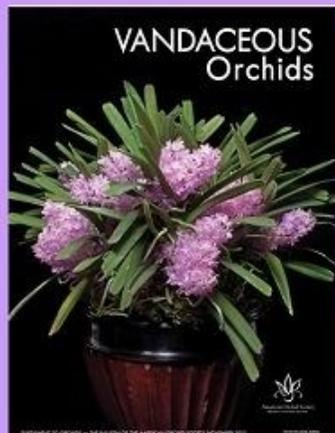


Sign on to the AOS Website

Watch Recorded Webinars Any Time

Topic	Greenhouse Chats	Species and Hybrids	Culture	Pests and Diseases	Judging
Feature	Greenhouse Chat Webinars are indexed by topic	Learn about well known and unknown orchids	Learn about best care practices in your orchid collection	Understand what's bugging your collection and control tips	Sit in and learn the judging aspect along with criteria to grant an award

AOS Speaker's 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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4834617917122351119>

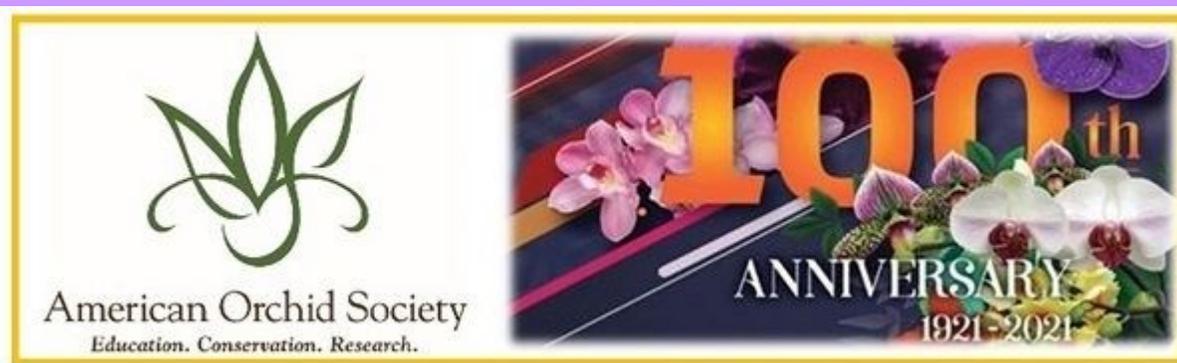
Start Time 10 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time)

\$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](#)



Orchid Conservation Alliance

Conserving Orchids by Conserving Orchid Habitat

The OCA conserves orchids by funding habitat preservation. Since inception in 2005 we have helped with the purchase of over 3000 acres of orchid habitat, protecting hundreds of orchid species in Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. Many species of rare birds, trees, frogs, mammals also find refuge in these reserves.



Dracula



Dracula



Ventanas



Ventanas

Dracula gigas (L), *D. trigonopetala* (R)
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador

Dracula lemurella (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (R)
La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

We hope you will join us in promoting this important work. We invite you to become a member of the OCA, to make a donation, to take a trip with us to see Orchids in the Wild[®], and to purchase merchandise through our website. Since we have no paid staff, all proceeds support orchid conservation. The OCA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

For more information: www.orchidconservationalliance.org

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

Quiz answers:

- 1: D,
- 2: C;
- 3: D
- 4: C
- 5: D



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