



# THE KEIKI



★★★★ Coming in October ★★★★★

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October 16th will be our annual orchid auction.  
October 30th will be our annual holiday party.  
Both events will be held at the VFW.

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## President's Message From Steve Mattana

Good day everyone

All I can say is wow and then I'll say it again wow! We had a terrific meeting in September. Our guests Tony Millett and Joshua Jones really put on a grand display and great advice on how to grow your plants. Tony started the afternoon off with basic hybridizations. I found it to be quite interesting especially how much influence *B. nodosa* has had on our hybridization of orchids, as well as how some of the other cattleya species influenced the hybridization of so many different orchids. Tony's generosity to our raffle was absolutely amazing! He gave the club over 20 plants for our raffle. Many questions were asked and answered for the group, which is why I feel that his presentation was a success. Tony thank you very much for your presentation and your generosity.

Joshua Jones followed Tony. This is the first time our organization has had two speakers for a general society meeting. It went extremely well. Joshua brought his ceramic ware and beautiful plants. He has ceramic lily pads that he calls a nice platter to mount plants on and of course regular terra-cotta type pots. Joshua went through the complete process and how the pots differ. The difference on the way of his construction of the pot and how they are cured in the kiln I found very, very interesting. Joshua also talked about the orchids the cattleya lasts for a while and gave us some more insightful information. Both Tony and Joshua will be seen again this spring at our spring show.

Our auction is coming up in a couple of weeks so please have your plants at the VFW before 10 AM on Saturday the 16th of October. All donations will keep our society alive, and it gives us the opportunity to do different things so that we can learn more about our fantastic hobby. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our auction and bidding away on plants that we will have for you. We will not be going to Krull / Smith as they are short of plants to offer societies.

No fear we have come up with 3 different vendors to get plants from, plus yours, of course.

October is a busy month for us. On the 30th of the month is our end of year party. (Only date the VFW had left, that's why it's in October.) Everyone has paid their fee to get to the dinner and we all thank you very, very much. I will be ordering the food from the VFW this coming week.

Any and all members that would like to attend a board meeting our next board meeting is October 6 at 1 PM at the VFW club. We hope to see everyone that's going to be involved in the auction. If you have boxes that you'd like to donate and of course plants that you'd like to donate, please have them at the VFW club before 10 AM on Saturday morning.

We will be starting off the brand-new year with Pam Waters of Orchids in Bloom. We're looking forward to seeing Pam once again.

In closing I was very happy to see so many people here for today's meeting. Until the auction and the end of year party looking forward to seeing everyone once again next month until then happy growing  
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P.S.—Hold the presses! A special congratulations to Corbin Beller for getting an article accepted by the AOS to be printed in a future edition of Orchids magazine!

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**Word Search Puzzle: How many can you find?**

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- bark
- batorchid
- buds
- cattleyas
- fairly
- flowers
- gastradia
- growing
- humidity
- hybrid
- ice
- keiki
- lavarock
- leaf
- lycaste
- monkeyorchid
- mosquitoes
- neemoil
- nodosa
- oncidiums
- pollinate
- pot
- rhizome
- roots
- roots
- soil
- species
- spiderorchid
- sunorchid
- sympodial
- terratiums
- thelymitrapulchall
- unifoliates
- vanda

## Exciting Events Coming Up!!

### NCOS Annual Auction October 16th!!

Our annual orchid auction will be held at the VFW on October 16th. This is the event where we make the money that will support our society's efforts over the next year. We hope everyone will make it a priority to come to the auction, and bring a plant—perhaps a division, or an extra that you don't want anymore, or two or three—to be sold at the auction. You can replace it (them) with some great plants from the auction. We will also have a nice selection of plants from local Florida orchid growers. Generally, the plants available at the auction are very special and often not available elsewhere. THIS is where you get all those cool plants that you see on the show table and at shows, where you think “where on earth did they get these? I wish I had one!” Please bring any plants you are willing to donate to the VFW Hall by 10:00AM. Viewing of available plants to the public will begin at 11:00AM, and bidding begins promptly at NOON.

Where: 18940 Drayton St., Spring Hill, FL, 34610

When: Saturday, October 19th, 2019

9:00AM—Plants to VFW for set-up

11:00AM—Previewing for the public

We will be accepting cash, credit cards and checks.

### Holiday Party October 30th

Our holiday party this year will be held at the VFW on October 30th. We will have steak, potatoes and vegetables for our main course, catered by the VFW. We ask each member (or family) to bring a dozen cookies, which we will have for dessert and to take home after the event.



### Membership Notes for October

by Arlene Appelbaum

Our September general meeting was well attended by over 50 signed in members and 7 guests. We also added 2 more new people to our membership roster, bringing our new total to 141 NCOS people.

Please remember that our yearly auction on October 16 will take the place of our monthly meeting. Your attendance along with your friends will aid in making this event successful for our club.

Any member who has ordered a name badge will find them available from Arty at the auction.

I hope to see many of you at our holiday party on October 30th.

### Corbin's Corner

September's meeting was a truly great meeting and if you missed it not to worry as next time we meet will be for our annual Auction! The Auction will be held at the VFW; our normal place of meeting. It will be the third Saturday of October, the 16th starting at noon but doors will be open at 11am for preview. Orchids ranging from rare species to the most vibrant of hybrids. Fragrance from sweet and divine to rich spices like cloves and vanilla to excite the senses. For those daring there will even be some very outrageous Bulbophyllum. These are the orchids your collection needs! We also need your participation to make this auction great!

Back to September's meeting. We hosted Tony Millet that we last saw in May and a brand new vendor to the amazing Orchid World, Joshua Jones of "The Orchid Den". Rumor has it that the "Den" in his name is for dendrobiums as they are his specialty. Josh grows and hybridizes his own "antelope" type dendrobiums or dendrobiums from the section spatulata. Josh brought in some of his pottery and ceramics. He talked about the differences between high fire and low fire clay and what earthenware and stoneware are. Josh also described his potter's techniques. One of my favorite pieces is the "branch". A clay branch made using a cast that was molded around an original piece. I like this piece because it mimics a branch that some orchids would naturally grow on. Great for mounting smaller more compact species of orchids such as the Cattleya walkeriana he had displayed.

Tony came back in September with his very chivalrous gift of 20 orchids for the raffle table. Tony has been in orchids for a very long time. He is a hybridizer using rare cattleya species and unique color forms. He actually used to be a main hybridizer for the "Bonnet House" in the Miami area. When Tony was in his 20's he started up orchids. He always

### TREASURER'S REPORT

By Yvette Lewis

#### Current Report as of 9/30/2021:

Prior bal. as of 8/31/2021:	\$12,212.49
Total receipts (raffle, etc.):	\$445.00
Total disbursements:	<u>\$(629.59)</u>
Bank bal. as of 9/30/2021:	\$12,027.90
Outstanding Checks:	<u>(\$150.00)</u>
Cash On Hand 9/30/2021:	<u>\$11,877.90</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!



**Corbin's Corner, cont.**

loved growing by seed and needed more of a challenge than the vegetable and fruits he was used to growing. Three years into orchids Tony had created and flaked out his first hybrid of a dendrobium. Ever since he has been making new hybrids and enjoying orchids. Tony had a great presentation on cattleyas and their dominant traits. He touched base on many orchid grower's favorites, the brassavola nodosa. This species has very dominant shapes. When using this as a parent you can guarantee that the offspring will have large round lips and very thin petals and sepals. Also interestingly enough nodosa hybrids are often spotted when most nodosa we see are a pure whitish green color. Tony also talked about what he said to be one of his favorite species, cattleya violacea. The violacea is a very very flat bloom that comes in many color forms. I have in my own collection the coerulea form and the flamaea form. Tony recommends this species because it comes in many different forms, practically all that a species can come in.

After covering the bases on why we choose certain cattleyas to hybridize with and what traits are very dominant on them, Tony mentioned what to look for when purchasing an orchid. With many orchid shows coming in the near future and lots next year it is great to know what you should be looking for. Tony told us it is all in the look of the plant. The way the orchid looks is a good determination of how the blooms will present themselves. We should be looking for wide leaves that are flat and even, rather than ones that are curled over, thinner and/or may be droopy. The ones with those nice wide leaves that are flat will often have the large, flat, round and symmetrical blooms we look for when choosing an orchid to hybridize with.

All the talk of what the plant looks like and how that can predict the quality of the blooms go right back into his talk about breeding. Those are the plants kept to breed the next round of babies. Every generation of hybrids or even species breeding should improve upon the last, setting the "new" standard for that species or even hybrid. This could be in your breeding program or acknowledged and awarded by the AOS.

Now most of us are not planning on going through the extensive breeding process but keeping these things in mind when purchasing orchids that are either young or not in bloom will help you get the best blooms into your collection. Enjoy your orchids and remember we need your support and your plants; if you are willing to part with some divisions or even plants that just will not bloom for you; for our auction this month on the 16th. Remember also our spring show in March; it may seem far away but the time will fly; we need member participation to make things like this happen.



## NCOS Show Table September 18th, 2021

Plant Name	Grower
Vanda Kultana Delight x V. Bangyeekhan Delight	Bella Roberts
Ascda. Viboon Sunset	Bella Roberts
V. Ploenpit Prize (V. Mem. Thianchai x Ryn. gigantea)	Bella Roberts
Vanda Dr. Anek x V. Kulwadee Fragrance 'Red Spot'	Bella Roberts
Vanda Chavananand x Vanda Chindavat	Bella Roberts
Bsn. Maikai x Bl. Morning Glory	Bella Roberts
Den. hybrid	Dan Grant
Ctt. Pink Treasure (Ctt. Tiny Treasure x C. loddigesii)	Dan Grant
Rlc. Waianae Sunburst	Ken Mort
Blc. Tom Courtney	Ken Mort
Blc. James Island x C. aurantiaca	Ken Mort
Dtps. Dyah Redita x Phal. Ank Bells	Ken Mort
C. Undine 'Buena Suerte'	Ken Mort
Lc. Puppy Love 'True Beauty'	Ken Mort
Rlc. Chunyeah '#10'	Matt Riesz
Vanda Fiftieth State Beauty	Matt Riesz
Bc. Carnival Kids (aka Bc. Gulfshore's Beauty)	Matt Riesz
Cym. Summer Freak	Matt Riesz
Rlc. Gladys Oumai 'Roy' AM/AOS	Matt Riesz
Den. sanderae var. luzonica	Matt Riesz
Pot. Hsinying Pink Doll 'Hsinying'	Ro Wenz
Eulophia petersii	Ro Wenz
Angcm. leonis	Sue Caparbi-Taylor





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## TOM'S MONTHLY CHECKLIST

Reprint

# October: The Month of Insanity

by Thomas Mirenda

Gearing up for a Season of Indoor Growing

Those of you who have the luxury of living in a climate where tropical orchids can remain outside through the winter cannot imagine the brow-furrowing vexations endured by those of us who have to sequester our orchid collections to safety before the winter season. Not only is every square inch of windowsill or greenhouse bench space already spoken for, many orchid nurseries choose this time of year to advertise lower prices and bargains. After all, many of them need to pack up for the winter too. I learned long ago that I cannot resist an orchid sale so my windowsills and benches will always be filled beyond capacity through the inclement weather.

This is the kind of obsession that many of us share. Some would call it passion, others pathology. However, due to our fascination with the outrageous diversity displayed in the tens of thousands of orchid species and the never-ending array of spectacular and easy to grow hybrids, we must resign ourselves to slavishly devoting hours of our personal time, and dedicating vast amounts of space and financial resources to our collections. Are we insane? Well, if so, we are in good company. Some extremely respectable individuals (not I, of course) are secret orchid growers. You would never know it if you saw them at work or on the street. They seem normal enough, with respectable careers, devoted spouses and above-average children. But we know that we are living on the edge, seized by an uncontrollable mania that immerses us in that beautiful and mesmerizing world of orchids. If you have not yet reached capacity, what are you waiting for?

**CLEAN UP YOUR ACT** Your collection grew well this summer thanks to all the excellent care you gave it after reading about the plants in *Orchids*. Those that summered outside received plenty of rainwater, excellent light and air movement. Many have put on large new pseudobulbs. Cattleyas are forming sheaths, phalaenopsis are hardening their newest growths and dendrobiums are producing terminal leaves on their long canes, basically finishing their vegetative growth for the year. Now is the time to prepare the winter growing space, be it a windowsill, light room or greenhouse. If you have not already done so, take the time to clear out debris from last year, clean and sterilize the surfaces with a disinfectant and plan your strategy for getting all your orchids safely inside for the winter.

**NO HIDDEN PASSENGERS** With many of your warmer-growing plants, such as vandas and angraecoids, about to come in for the winter before the first cold snaps, September may be your last chance to check your orchids for hitchhiking critters. Any number of undesirable winter residents may have invaded orchids that are outside. Sucking insects, such as mites, scale or mealybugs, are often decimated by the beneficial insects that live in our yards or washed away by rains, but sometimes, small enclaves of these pests survive. Take the time now to look over plants carefully and treat any pests accordingly. Even though they may not be visible on the leaves, colonies of ants sometimes invade the porous interstices of orchid mix. These cannot be tolerated and could cause you a lot of grief if allowed in the greenhouse. Once discovered, the ants must be evicted either by drowning or drenching with an insecticide. It is always a good idea to repot such plants in fresh medium as the old mix is likely to be seriously broken down or badly acidified by the formic acid released by ant habitation.

**FLOWER POWER** Many hobbyists anticipate the approaching blooming season for many orchids, including cymbidium, phalaenopsis and dendrobiums, by fertilizing plants less frequently and with a lower concentration. In particular, the use of high-nitrogen fertilizers this time of year can inhibit blooming by encouraging plants to continue growing foliage. For orchids that you are expecting to spike in the autumn, switching to a blossom booster fertilizer now can give plants the extra boost they need to flower extravagantly.

**THE LITTLE DEATH** A few orchids — deciduous dendrobiums, lycastes, many terrestrials (*Habenaria*, *Cynorkis*) and some members of the *Catasetinae* — are showing brown-tipped or yellowing leaves now. Do not be alarmed. Usually shortly after the autumn equinox, as day length starts to shorten, many orchids adjust and slough off leaves in preparation for dormancy. Most of these are benefiting from the cooler night temperatures after enduring the summer heat and are genetically programmed to shut down their metabolisms. Respond by letting these plants dry out and holding back plant fertilizer. Overwatering now can lead to rot problems later in the autumn.

**JUST ONE MORE** It is so tempting to load up on new orchids during those ubiquitous autumn sales. I certainly cannot preach to anyone about the virtues of restraint when it comes to orchid acquisition, so I hereby release you from any guilt you may be feeling about crowding your collection too much this winter. It may be irresponsible of me to tell you this, but we are what we are. I believe the correct word is “enthusiasts.” So go for it. Order a few new sale plants from orchid nurseries. And have fun.

— 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: [biophilak@gmail.com](mailto:biophilak@gmail.com))

## 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>	<b>October 05, 2021</b> 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	<b>October 21, 2021</b> 8:30pm EDT Thursday	<b>November 09, 2021</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>November 17, 2021</b> 8:30pm EST Wednesday
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Greenhouse Chat</b> (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	<b>Black Orchids</b> The Lure, The Lust and Licentiousness	<b>Orchid Collection</b> <b>Tour</b> The Huntington Botanical Gardens	<b>Greenhouse Chat</b> (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Dr. Leslie Ee, ND</b> Associate Judge, President of COC	<b>Brandon Tam</b> Orchid Collection Specialist, AOS Judge	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer

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 Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.  
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### What Do You Visualize When You Read the Following?

**DESCRIPTION** One **star-shaped** flower on one 34.5-cm staked, **sequentially** blooming inflorescence; flower base color yellow; dorsal sepal **lanceolate, infused** burgundy, striped dark burgundy; **lateral** sepals **subfalcate-lanceolate**, infused burgundy, striped dark burgundy, **coalesced proximally**; petals **lanceolate**, slightly **reflexed**, infused burgundy, striped dark burgundy; lip stiffly hinged, double central **keel** forming a trough, infused burgundy, speckled dark burgundy; **coalesced apically**; column overlaid dark yellow, **anther cap** orange; **substance** firm; **texture crystalline**, waxy centrally.



**Bulbophyllum Meen  
Coat of Armour  
'Whisper Something  
Glorious'**

AM/AOS (81 points)  
Aug 28, 2021



**Bulbophyllum  
Debbie's Delight  
'Whisper I'll Think  
About It'**

AM/AOS (82 points)  
Aug 14, 2021

**Awards Photographer  
Wes Newton**



**Bulbophyllum More  
Than Aghast  
'Crystelle'**

FCC/AOS (94 points)  
Aug 14, 2021



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.

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