



# THE KEIKI



## Coming in January & February

Note meeting dates have been changed!

January 22, 2022 will be Pam Waters

February 26, 2022 the 4th Saturday

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Good day everyone

Well how our year has ended. And a terrific year we have had!

Our membership has grown to 142 paid members. We had an auction in October. We were able to raise over \$5100!!! A galactic thank you to all the vendors that donated to our auction, Accent Orchids, Phelps Farms and Louis Del Favero orchids. We thank our vendors! Also a big thank you to members that donated plants to the auction.

Our Christmas party on 30 October, early yes, no other dates available for November. As a result we had it early. And we had a blast! 40 of the members showed up for our party. And received a gift, of a free ribeye steak dinner!! Complements of the Nature Coast Orchid Society!!! We asked for the \$15. We use that as a reservation device. The money was returned to each member !!! We had a raffle table, we had a few games to play. And your very own president came up with a game when we had three extra raffle plants. Everybody was happy. Unfortunately one of the gifts did not show up. I have those gifts in my possession now. You will see them in January.

Speaking of January come Pam Waters of Orchidsinbloom.com She will be our guest speaker. And as we all know Pam always brings the most beautiful orchids! See you in January. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy holidays  
Steve

**EXECUTIVE BOARD****OFFICERS**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b><u>President</u></b>                                                     | <b>Steve Mattana</b> |
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| <b><u>Recording Secretary for meetings</u></b><br>(not an elected position) | <b>Kara Ramsey</b>   |

**COMMITTEES**

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b><u>Bulletin (The Keiki)</u></b>   | <b>Matt Riesz</b>                |
| <b><u>E-mail Co-ordinator</u></b>    | <b>Matt Riesz</b>                |
| <b><u>Historian</u></b>              | <b>Mary Lou Mattana</b>          |
| <b><u>Librarian</u></b>              | <b>Volunteers please</b>         |
| <b><u>Membership</u></b>             | <b>Arlene and Arty Appelbaum</b> |
| <b><u>Publicity</u></b>              | <b>Mary Lou Mattana</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>Kara Ramsey</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**

In October we did not have a formal meeting of the group with a presentation and sale of orchids; instead we had our annual Orchid Auction. We thank everyone who participated and donated to make this auction happen. A huge thank you to our fantastic auctioneer Bill Nunez, a well-known orchid enthusiast here in Florida. Bill made the event fun and exciting, telling jokes at times as well. The whole auction went smoothly thanks to our team of clerks working the different areas needed to make it happen. If you attended the auction, you know that almost every single orchid went well below market price making for great deals! We thank everyone who participated in bidding also, without everyone making bids on the orchids the auction could not have been the success it was.

On October 30th we had a special event in place of the annual picnic and holiday party; We had an end of year party hosted at the VFW. The VFW provided the meal and members provided dessert being asked to bring a dozen cookies. The holiday party was a huge success and we thank everyone in the group for participating in all meetings and events this year. It is with your help that this group is able to succeed in our large events such as our Spring show and Fall auction.

If you have not seen the flyer running around Facebook, we have already chosen the title of the 2022 show, "Dancing with the Orchids" a unique themed display is the idea. We are looking forward to a show stopping event that will attract the crowds but without members volunteering their time to set up the display, the rest of the show cannot happen. I helped out this year, 2021's "Orchid Island", and I had a great time helping set up the display and helping the vendors set up. You might even be able to get first choice from the vendors on set up day...

Everyone, enjoy the rest of your year, time with family and friends this holiday season and caring for your orchids. We hope to see you at our January meeting when we hope to host Pam Waters of Orchids in Bloom in Apopka. Our keiki editors, Matt Riesz and Julie Smolka will still be putting together this newsletter throughout the time we are away. Stay safe and stay healthy.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

By Yvette Lewis

**Current Report as of 10/31/2021:**

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Prior balance as of 9/30/2021: | \$12,027.90         |
| Total receipts (raffle, etc.)  | \$5,428.26          |
| Total disbursements            | <u>\$(1,809.46)</u> |
| Bank balance as of 10/31/2021  | \$15,646.70         |
| Outstanding Checks             | <u>\$(1,035.00)</u> |
| Cash On Hand 10/31/2021        | <u>\$14,611.70</u>  |



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# Auction





**MEMBERSHIP NOTES  
FOR NOVEMBER.**

Our numbers stand at 141 paid members, which is outstanding.

See you in January and don't forget our 2022 dues

**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)



## NCOS ORCHID QUIZ

### *Grammatophyllum*

*Answers on page 8*

1. **Grammatophyllum speciosum is also known as?**
  - A. *Tiger Orchid*
  - B. *Giant Orchid*
  - C. *Queen of Orchids*
  - D. *All of the above*
2. **How often should you fertilize your tiger orchid?**
  - A. *Every 7 days spring to early fall*
  - B. *Every day*
  - C. *Once a month*
  - D. *Never*
3. **When do you repot your grammatophyllum?**
  - A. *Once a year in winter*
  - B. *Every 2-3 years from Feb to June*
  - C. *Never, they like to be rootbound*
  - D. *Once a year in spring*
4. **What medium is used for repotting your grammatophyllum?**
  - A. *Well draining medium*
  - B. *Fine bark in mild summer climates*
  - C. *Potting soil*
  - D. *A and B*
5. **How often do grammatophyllum speciosum bloom?**
  - A. *Every 2 months*
  - B. *Once a year*
  - C. *Every 2-4 years*
  - D. *Never*

## The Orchid and the Tree.

An orchid seed was flying through the air when it landed on a tree. The Orchid seed said to the Tree "Is it ok for me to live here?" The Tree asked the Orchid "are you going to feed on me" ? The Orchid said "No, I landed on the rock first, he never said anything, and it was not safe for me, then the wind took me to you. So here I am. I just need to live with someone." The Orchid said "besides, I would like to live with you. I really like to hear your whispers, in the breeze."

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**DID YOU KNOW?** Besides reviewing the one hundred most current awards, you can also find additional reference [resources](#) in OrchidPro.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Exhibits can be awarded more than a beautiful, engraved crystal brick. Silver, Gold, Educational and Artistic Certificates can also be granted to outstanding exhibits , **176 Educational Exhibit Certificates, and 167 Artistic Certificates.**

### THE WALTER OFF EXHIBIT AWARD

The Walter Off Exhibit Award is given to the winner of an AOS Show Trophy Award, Silver Certificate, Gold Certificate or Educational Award recognized as the most outstanding example of these types of awards given at an AOS sanctioned orchid show during the previous calendar year. The Award shall be determined based upon the submissions of photograph(s) from each judging center of its nomination for the award. This award was established in the fall of 2017 and endowed by donations to honor Walter Off, exhibitor and teacher of exhibition. *If your society has won the **AOS show trophy, a Silver or Gold Certificate, or an Educational Exhibit award**, your exhibit may be eligible for this award.*

Need ideas about setting up an exhibit during show season?

**OrchidPro contains a combined total of 975 awards to exhibits other than the Show Trophy: 462 Silver Certificates, 170 Gold Certificates, 176 Educational Exhibit Certificates, and 167 Artistic Certificates.**



American Orchid Society Silver Certificate 'Avant-Garde 2015' SC/AOS (89 points)  
Award No: 20152713, Exhibitor: Hilo Orchid Society, Photographer: Glen Barfield

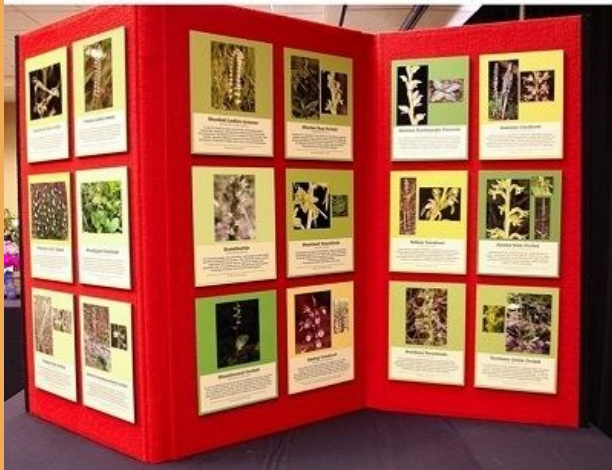


American Orchid Society Gold Certificate GC/AOS (94 points)  
Award No: 20174632, Exhibitor: Cal-Orchid, Inc., Photographer: Arthur Pinkers





American Orchid Society Educational Exhibit Certificate 'Idaho Native Orchids' EEC/AOS (96 points)  
Award No: 20185856, Exhibitor: Chriss Meredith, Photographer: Sue Birnbaum



American Orchid Society Artistic Certificate 'Hab Haven' AC/AOS (93 points)  
Award No: 20191636, Exhibitor: Joel R. Edwards, Photographer: Katie Payeur

**Silver Certificate** shall be awarded to the exhibit that wins the AOS Show Trophy if the average of all scores is between 85 and 89 points.

**Gold Certificate** shall not be limited in number at any show. The Gold Certificate shall be awarded to the exhibit that wins the AOS Show Trophy if the average of all scores is at least 90 points.

Any accredited judge may nominate other exhibits for Silver or Gold Certificates to be scored according to the Point Scale used for the AOS Show Trophy.

**Educational Exhibit Certificate** Awarded to an educational exhibit that furthers the knowledge and education of the public regarding orchids.

**Artistic Certificate Awarded** to an outstanding exhibit which the judges consider to be exceptionally artistic. No restriction shall be applied to the class of exhibitor, whether amateur, commercial, or professional florist. The award shall be given only upon the unanimous decision of the judging team assigned.

Review the complete criteria for each award in the Judging Handbook. [6.3 Awards for Display of Plants, Flowers, and Educational Material](#)

## 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!



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| <b>When</b>      | <b>November 09, 2021</b><br>8:30pm EST<br>Tuesday                    | <b>November 17, 2021</b><br>8:30pm EST<br>Wednesday                      | <b>WEBINARS ON DEMAND</b><br>Watch Recorded Webinars<br>Any Time                   |
| <b>Topic</b>     | <b>Orchid Collection Tour</b><br>The Huntington<br>Botanical Gardens | <b>Greenhouse Chat</b><br>(Orchid Q&A)<br><i>Send in your Questions!</i> | <b>Species and Hybrids, Pests and Diseases, Culture, Judging, Greenhouse Chats</b> |
| <b>Presenter</b> | <b>Brandon Tam</b><br>Orchid Collection<br>Specialist, AOS Judge     | <b>Ron McHatton</b><br>Chief Education<br>and Science Officer            | <a href="http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars">www.aos.org/orchids/webinars</a>     |

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

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow!

Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook, Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure.

GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.

### Quiz Answers

Grammatophyllum

1. D. All of the above
2. A. Every 7 days spring-early fall
3. B. Every 2-3 years
4. D. All of the above
5. C. Every 2 to 4 years



When orchids grow into mature specimens, they can be mind-blowingly beautiful. One of the great joys of cultivating orchids is watching them progress and attain dimensions and flowerings seldom witnessed in the wild. Coddled and pampered in our greenhouses and orchid gardens, with the benefit of excellent fertilizers, superior media and our well-informed growing prowess, orchids can perform miraculous feats. The AOS rewards such plants with cultural awards such as the Certificate of Cultural Merit or Certificate of Cultural Excellence.

While human beings are obsessed with youthful good looks and we tend not to win any beauty contests as we age, I like to think we become more beautiful in other ways. If we cultivate ourselves and develop our intelligence, culture and wisdom through experience, travel and socialization, we develop into something truly beautiful — creatures that can make the world a better place for those we care about.

While my expanding midsection and philosopher's furrows in my brow may not win me any beauty contests, I've found that when I strive to do good works, am kind to myself and others, learn as much as I can each day and share that knowledge, however incomplete, I might still be worthy of a cultural award one day.

**SLOW THE SPIGOT** Along with days being shorter with the winter solstice approaching, temperatures are cooler, skies are grayer and the nights are longer. Most orchids (except Southern Hemisphere terrestrials, such as *Pterostylis* or *Disa*) are requiring far less water than they did in spring and summer. Cattleyas should now have mature growths with sheaths, and cymbidiums should show large fat pseudobulbs and the cone-shaped beginnings of inflorescences, while phalaenopsis should be elongating the spikes they initiated last month. Water and humidity are still necessary for these orchids to progress toward flowering, but less is definitely more this month. Certain orchids from seasonally dry habitats, such as dendrobiums, habenarias and catasetums, should be left extremely dry starting now, to the point where the plants drop some leaves. This, though disconcerting, is part of their culture and often necessary for blooming. It should be noted here that many of the pseudobulbous species orchids from Mexico and Central America (*Lycaste*, *Encyclia* and many others) are experiencing the beginning of their dry season now and should be watered and fertilized accordingly for the next few months.

**PESTER THE PESTS** If your plants summered in the yard, by now any pests that may have come inside with your orchids for the winter will have made themselves known. Make sure to treat any infestations promptly. Most outside insects do not fare well in the greenhouse, and can be eradicated with ease, but it is the sucking parasites that one must start watching for. Without the benefit of rain and beneficial insects, mite populations often explode, particularly on soft leaved orchids such as *lycastes* or *phaius*. If undetected, these can do significant damage. Look for small webbing on the undersides of leaves and a "silvery" effect on the upper surface. This is due to the dying of cells from the sucking arachnids. Mites are inhibited by high humidity and can be controlled (in a small collection) by regularly wiping the undersides of the leaves with a wet sponge or rag with insecticidal soap. Larger collections need spraying with a miticide.

**WHAT'S AT STAKE** With many orchids, particularly phalaenopsis and cymbidiums, sending out spikes, it is advantageous to start guiding the inflorescences with stakes. Even if the spike is too short to tie at this juncture, setting a stake in the pot near the newly emergent inflorescence is a good reminder that a spike is coming and the plant should be treated with the utmost delicacy. Longer spikes can be tied and guided upward to avoid crossing and tangling with other inflorescences. Once inside, many orchids begin to slough off old leaves and growths from previous years, no longer needed by the plant in the diminishing light. Such leaves and tissues should be removed to avoid rotting in winter.

**TEMPERATURES** Cooler-growing plants — *masdevallias*, *draculas* and cooler growing *oncidiums* — are thriving now. Take advantage of the natural drop in temperatures to encourage new growth and blooming in these sensitive species. Any hardy orchids such as *bletillas*, *cyripediums* and *cremastras* that you may have planted outside will benefit greatly from an insulating mulch of pine needles spread deep enough to hold some heat yet fine enough to allow sprouts to develop in the early spring. In the greenhouse, search out any broken windows or other sources of drafts that can really hurt your orchids in midwinter. A little attention to this now will prevent heartache in December when the damage has been done.

— 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))

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