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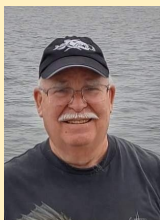


August 10th, 2024. Annual NCOS orchid auction.

Note this is a change in date from previous date listed.

Monthly meetings are currently held on the 3rd Saturday of the month (unless otherwise noted) at the **Krueger Enrichment Center, 392 Beverly Ct, Spring Hill, FL.**

President's Message



Hi everyone, welcome to August!

This is an exciting month for the Nature Coast Orchid Society, as our annual auction is set for Saturday, August 10th. This is our main fundraising event for the year and supports the great programs we're able to offer to our members. We have a terrific array of plants this year from our members' collections and from several of the wonderful growers in our area. We'd like to thank the following vendors for their generous donations to our auction:

Ecuagenera**Accent Orchids****Smiley Orchids****Florida Suncoast Orchids****Florida Orchid House****Rusty Exotics Orchids****Jim-N-I Orchids**

I hope to see all of our members at this auction. THIS is where we find the special and unusual plants that often get such attention at our show table. So come and get 'em !!

July was a great month, with a really great presentation on Habenarias by our speaker, Nick Rust of Rusty Exotics Orchids. I'm excited to see how the ones I bought from him do, now that I know better how to grow them. We do also have some of Nick's plants in our auction, so if you missed our meeting this is another chance to get some. This month we also had a celebration luncheon for members who helped out at our auction in April. It was a lot of fun, and we had a special presentation from members Marc and Peggy Oberlin on how to set up an orchid exhibit.

As we head into August, the daily deluges continue. If, like me, you grow your orchids mostly outdoors then there are some special considerations during this time of year. All that water encourages the growth of fungal infections, so I try to treat regularly with both contact and systemic fungicides to try and keep things under at least a little control. Banrot and Thiomyl are my go-to choices, but others are also available and effective.

I find that the constant rains can keep my potting mixes too wet, especially in plants that are still in the mix that they were in while they were in a greenhouse environment where water can be more effectively controlled. Consider changing your mix as you repot your plants to something that has more inorganic components that don't retain as much moisture. It will mean watering more often in our dryer months, but it could save orchids that otherwise might rot and die. My current mix consists of equal parts of Orchidata bark, charcoal, LECA pellets and large rock wool. Lastly, watch out for water collecting in the crowns of your Phalaenopsis orchids. Either move them somewhere that they don't get rained on; or consider setting them at an angle so that the water runs off as it does in nature.

See you at the auction!! Matt

Don't forget to check either the website or the Facebook page for the latest updated list of auction orchids!

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NCOS speaker schedule through December 2024

Updated as of 08/01/2024

September 7th, 2024. Saturday **Note this is a change from our normal meeting schedule.** Bret Ullery will speak on Den-drobium anosmum and its relatives.

October 19th, 2024. Saturday— Annual NCOS picnic at Crews Lake Park in Pasco County.

November 16th, 2024. Jeff Adkins will be our speaker. He has run an orchid nursery in Orlando for 30 years and is an AOS senior judge.

December 14th, 2024. Annual Holiday Party

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Membership Notes

by Carol Siegley

Our total membership is 144.

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, August 10, 2024
Starts 12 PM**

 **Orchid
Auction**



**Located at Krueger Center
392 Beverly Court
Spring Hill, FL 34606**

**Preview at 11 AM
Public Welcome - Free Entry
Cash/Credit Cards Accepted**

Nature Coast Orchid Society
www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com

Habenaria Orchids with Nicolas Rust

Nicolas Rust, owner and founder of Rusty Exotics in Lawrenceville, Georgia, spoke about Habenaria orchids.

This diverse genus of about 900 species are known for their often extraordinary bright colors, and beautiful whites. There are large or small types, hot or cool growers, and even some native Habenaria orchids in Florida.

Hybridizing these beautiful orchids began in the early 20th century. All colors of these flowers come from a species, with each species providing its own unique characteristics.

Nicolas showed many slides of the beautiful range of colors of habeneria flowers, and how different crosses will result in the amplification of colors. Some flowers are so brilliant, they appear fake.

There are many flowers that look very much like birds, or moths, or have lots of fringe.

Many habenerias are fragrant, which makes them even more enjoyable.

Habenarias are terrestrial orchids.

Culture:

Light:

Nicolas grows his plants under full spectrum LEDs. (In Georgia, the greenhouse environment is necessary.) The larger size plants need bright light similar to the needs of cattleyas. The smaller plants prefer medium light.

If there is too much light on the plant, you will observe sunburn, as you would on other types of orchids. Leaves may appear gray or yellow, then brown. Reduce the amount of light.

If there is too little light, etiolation will occur, making the plant appear pale, and stems long and stretched out looking. Slowly introduce brighter light.

Planting media:

Nicolas uses a peat soil mix, which is a fine bark and peat mixture. The key is that it is well-draining. You may also add perlite, charcoal, or coarse sand as needed, depending on your watering habits, and environment.

Plastic pots are best, as these plants have fuzzy tuberal, which will grow right into a clay pot, and be severely damaged when removed from a clay type container.

Watering:

Habenarias have a dormant period same as catasetums, where they will go completely dormant. At this time, DO NOT WATER. Do not begin watering until there are 3 sets of new leaves that have fully opened up, indicating a new growth season is beginning. During the active growth season, do not let the plant dry out.

Fertilizer:

A 1/2 teaspoon of a 20-20-20 every 2-3 weeks may be used.

Bugs:

Spider mites can be a problem. NEEM and blue Dawn dish soap are what Nicolas uses. Use the NEEM only in the evening, as using it during the day can cause burning.

If you have an extreme bug situation, Sultan or Safari insecticides are what Nicolas recommends.

For slugs, physical removal is a much better choice than the poison baits.

For fungal spot, thiamyl is a choice for control. As with all orchids, good air flow is key in preventing fungal problems.

Important note to consider when applying any chemical to habenarias — they are very sensitive to chemicals, as they do not have an epicuticular wax coating on their leaves, and are therefore easily burned to a crisp.

Dormancy:

The dormant period is after flowering, starting in November or December. The flowers will finish blooming, and the leaves will turn yellow and fall off. Stop watering at this point.

You may leave the tubers in the pot, and just forget about them until February, or you may dig up the tubers, and place them in a plastic bag with a little dirt from the pot. Put in a dark place, where the temperature does not get cold, perhaps a cupboard.

Tubers can rot in temps. in the 40's, so it is best even in Florida to consider keeping them in the house.

Between February and May, the plant will begin waking up. This will be easy to see in the bag. Do not water until the first 3 leaves are fully formed and open up. You may lightly mist up to this point. Once the 3 leaves have opened out, the roots should be big enough to take water, and you may begin watering.

For very detailed information on the care and cultivation of habenaria orchids check out: "The Ultimate Habenaria Care Guide" on Rusty Exotics website.

To contact Rusty:

<https://rustyexotics.com/pages/cultural-info>

To email Nicolas with any questions you may have: rustyexotics@gmail.com

Website: www.rustyexotics.com



**Examples of the amazing diversity of flower form and color in
Habenaria orchids.**



NCOS Show Table 7-20-2024

Plant Name	Grower
Vanda Darres' Golden Heritage	Matt Riesz
Rhyncostylis coelestis 'Blue'	Randy Dugan
C. Hybrid	Doris
Phal. LD's Bear Queen 'Wilson'	Matt Riesz
Bulb. electrinum	Randy Dugan
Phal. Purple Martin	Matt Riesz
Bulb. Daisy Chain	Matt Riesz
Plectrelminthus caudatus	Matt Riesz
Stanhopea Assidensis	Nick Rust

July's Show Table Pictures

Photos by Matt Riesz



Plectrelminthus caudatus



Rhyncostylis coelestis blue



Stanhopea Assisdensis



Vanda Darres' Golden Heritage



Bulbophyllum 'Daisy Chain'



Bulbophyllum electrinum



Cattleya hybrid



Phal. LD's Bear Queen 'Wilson'



Phal. Purple Martin

SPEAKER SEGMENT FROM JANUARY 15, 2011
submitted by Delia Dunn

Cheryl Finke, President of the Florida West Coast Orchid Society was our speaker last month. She had a very enlightening slide show about the many diseases which we encounter with our orchids, many of which are caused by pests.

She showed pictures of the different pests as well as close up pictures of the particular damage they do to a particular plant. Cheryl was a very interesting speaker especially because she talked fast and moved the slides on quickly to the next pest or disease. It was impossible to take notes and when I was told she had a handout for everyone following the slideshow, it solved the problem. Except that I found out the handout was only a list of pesticides and not the interesting part of her speech. One of the main points she made was that we need to be ever watchful for damage to our plants and to treat the problem right away before it gets worse or spreads to other plants. She makes sure she does not hang a plant directly over another plant so that water drippings don't fall onto the plant below and possibly infect it. And another interesting point was that she does not sit pots on the floor of the patio or deck because anything that's dropped from the plants above falls to the floor which could stay wet, and the floor might be contaminated under the pots.

She talked also about pesticides and their dangers and how to handle them, always wearing a mask and gloves. Bacteria and viruses are found in soil, orchid mixes, bark, sphagnum etc. and so care should be taken to protect yourself when potting your plants if you have open cuts or sores on your hands. Also turn your head away from lids when opening them, be in a well ventilated place, no eating, drinking or smoking, wash clothes immediately after spraying and call the doctor if you become ill.

It was a shame if some of you missed this extremely interesting program.

Delia Dunn

Appreciation Luncheon July 27th

Photos by Susan Kimmel

Members who helped out at the Orchid Show enjoyed a delicious pizza and salad lunch, with desserts made by members. Marc and Peggy Oberlin, new members to the Club, and experienced display designers, provided an inspiring demonstration on creating displays for orchid shows; how to create a display, what judges look for, and how you could create such a display in your own home to enjoy your blooms. All this was followed by a raffle of beautiful orchids.



Editor submission information:

Please send all your regular monthly Keiki contributions to:
deemail@tampabay.rr.com by the end of the month to be included in the next month's Keiki.

All members are welcome to send items to the editor.

Send photos of your orchids, go ahead, show them off!

Let us know of any shows or events that members would be interested in attending.

Tips, hacks, and great ideas on orchid growing are always appreciated.

Sunshine Messages



Know of a NCOS member needing a little sunshine in their life?

Contact Gertie Messenger at choclabs@att.net.

Member Name Tags

If you would like one of the wonderful name tags available to members, please contact Carol at: carolbohning@yahoo.com

Cost per name tag is approximately \$9.00 per tag. Exact cost to be determined when the order is put in.

Common abbreviations used for Orchids

Ascda. — Ascocenda
Br. — Brassavola
Bc. — Brasso-cattleya
Blc. — Brasso-laelio-cattleya
Bllra. — Beallara
Brs. — Brassia
Brsdm. — Brassidium
Bulb. — Bulbophyllum
Ctsm. — Catasetum
C. — Cattleya
Cirr. — Cirropetalum
Ctna. — Cattleytonia — cross of Cattleya & Broughtonia
Cym. — Cymbidium
Den. — Dendrobium
Diac. — Diacattleya
Dtps. — Doritaenopsis
Enc. — Encyclia
Epi. — Epidendrum
Epc. — Epidendrum-cattleya
Eplc. — Epidendrum-laelio-cattleya
Gram. — Grammatophyllum
L. — Laelia
Lc. — Laelio-cattleya
Max. — Maxillaria
Milt. — Miltassia
Mtdm. — Miltonidium
Odbrs. — Odontobrassia
Odedm. — Odontocidium
Onc. — Oncidium
Phal. — Phalaenopsis
Paph. — Paphiopedilum
Pot. — Potinara
Ri. — Rhynocolaelia
R. — Rodriguezia
Sc. — Sophrocattleya
Slc. — Sophrolaeliocattleya
V. — Vanda