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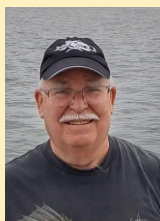
Next Meeting



Holiday Party! December 14th—Noon to 3pm. The event this year will be at Buffet City, 13235 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, 34613. Cost for the buffet is \$12 per person. Club will pay for your drinks. Everyone who comes will receive a free orchid. Plan on coming and having a wonderful time.
No regular meeting.

President's Message

Hi everyone,



November is fading fast as I write this. I was thinking for a while that the warm weather would just continue, but naturally as soon as Marita and I left town for a couple weeks everything went downhill. Unfortunately, we had not moved our orchids inside so our friend who's looking after them has had to learn how to move them all inside. Hopefully they'll survive an extended stay in the dark of our lanai. The good news is that the cold night temperatures should help the Nobile-type Dendrobiums to initiate blooming. We shall see.

Meanwhile, it is clearly the time of year for us to begin the "orchid shuffle", moving things in and out as the weather dictates. I suggest keeping a close eye on the weather forecast, especially the predicted overnight temperatures. With the cooler temperatures, standard Phals should begin spiking, if they haven't already. Remember to stake them as soon as feasible, and make sure they always face the same direction so the blooms form nicely on the inflorescence.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to continue using our current meeting place at the Kreuger Center. We are in the process of finding a new place to meet during 2025, and that may necessitate changing our usual meeting dates. We'll try to keep it on a Saturday but may have to move it to the 4th Saturday of the month. More on that as the search continues – stay tuned.

Remember, dues are due in January for 2025 and we'll be accepting them at any time starting now. \$20 for an individual or \$25 for more than one person living at the same address. This is how we fund our programs, and we have an exciting line-up for 2025 so I hope you'll all agree it's a fun program and a great way to share our love of orchids.

We have a fun event planned for this month, as I described at our November meeting. Our annual holiday party will be held on Saturday, December 14th at the Buffet City restaurant at 13235 Cortez Blvd. in Brooksville. The luncheon starts at 12:00 noon and the cost is \$12 per person. The club will pay for your drinks.

Everyone who comes will receive a free orchid! But you must be there in person. So come and have a great time with us. I hope to see you all there!

Best wishes,

Matt

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NCOS speaker schedule through December 2024

Updated as of 12/01/2024

January 18- "The Beautiful, The Unique & The Weird."

Nick Rust is an avid grower & hybridizer. He started RustyExotic Orchids in 2019. He specializes in terrestrials but also grows jewel orchids, Castasetum, Bulbophyllum & several other orchid genera but also aroids & carnivorous plants. Nick will bring plants for sale.

February 15- Naoki Kawamura - Coryanthes Orchids and hybrids.

Learn how to grow & bloom this unique & intriguing orchid. Naoki's introduction to orchids started with buying a Phalaenopsis, then a few days later he decided he needed a Dendrobium, we all know how this story goes. He started by growing orchids under grow lights in Oregon to now growing on his pool deck in Venice. Naoki begun working on becoming an AOS judge in 2020 & is coming to share his love & knowledge of orchids with us. Naoki does not have an orchid nursery so members are invited to bring plants for sale.

March 15- Mark Sands will present "Renovation & Repopulation".

Bringing native orchids back. Mike is the owner of Tangled Roots Orchid nursery in Loxahatchee. He was involved in the replacement of over 3000 orchids in the renovation & repopulation of the Everglades destroyed by the Army Corp of Engineers. He specializes in bi-foliate cattleyas & will be bringing plants for us to buy & will also have decomposing pots & a fertilizer that he developed that has had a built-in fungicide.



Membership Notes

by Carol Siegley

Welcome new members!

Our total membership is now 164.

If you haven't paid your annual dues (January through December) yet, please remember to do so. Yearly dues are due by January 1st. Your dues covers not only administrative costs, but also allow the Club to provide wonderful speakers at monthly meetings, the annual picnic and holiday party, as well as other educational opportunities and events, such as the show and auction.

Annual dues is \$20 for single individual, or \$25 for household.

You may bring your dues to the next meeting.

Do this right after purchasing orchids to ensure longevity!

Watch this short (7 minute) video on what to do with your gift orchid or new orchid purchase from the big box stores. The packaging your plant comes in is needed during shipping to protect the plant and keep it moist, but must be removed once you get your plant home. Most people do not know this, or do this, and many plants succumb. This video gives a very in-depth explanation of why and how to do this, and how to rejuvenate a plant that has been sitting in packaging too long.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMqbw7q1g1Q>

Bulbophyllums With Lady Vanda

For our November meeting, Serena Roman of Lady Vanda Orchids, along with Ernesto Cabezas, returned to speak at our Club once again, this time on Bulbophyllum Orchids. Bulbophyllums have very intriguing and unusual flowers. They are one of the largest genus of orchids, with over 2,000 species, and they make up 10% of orchid species worldwide. They are found growing throughout the world in a wide variety of habitats, there are cool, intermediate, and hot growers. The size of these orchids can vary from *B. beccarii*, the largest, with 2 foot long leaves, down to *B. minutissium*, the smallest, with pseudobulbs only .08 to .10 inches in diameter. The leaves and pseudobulbs are often used to help identify species, as they vary so widely.

The name itself means bulb and leaf in Greek.

Many attract flies, and hence smell appropriately. Most do not have a fragrance, pleasant or otherwise, but there are some with fragrance.

Bulbophyllums are the only orchid with a hinged lip that moves independently of the rest of flower; this is very attractive to pollinators.

Growing bulbophyllums

There are many varieties for the orchid enthusiast to choose from, and as with any orchid, knowing the kind of environmental conditions that particular variety is used to growing in, will aid in your purchase selection, and growing success.

If growing indoors, intermediate growers are a good choice, especially if you can provide nights that are cooler than daytime.

Warm growers bloom in spring or fall.

Use moisture retaining media for potting, or mount them.

Sphagnum, tree fern, or coir are better growing media choices than bark or charcoal products.

Filtered, rather than full light is best.

Don't let them get too dry in between waterings.

It is very difficult to overwater bulbophyllums. They do appreciate moisture.

Fertilizer is helpful.

Feed every 10—14 days with an orchid fertilizer— 1 tsp to a gallon of water.

Once per month a application of calcium and magnesium will help with heat tolerance, and build strong cell walls.

Bulbophyllums are relatively disease and pest free, and many are easy to grow.

See page 6 of this bulletin to see the diverse flower types of 5 different bulbophyllums that came to the show table.

November's Show Table

	A	B
3	Maxillaria schunkeana	Matt Riesz
4	Vanda Dr. Anek x Vanda Bitz' Heartthrob	Maria Hewitt
5	Vanda Kulwadee Fragrance x Vanda Dr. Anek 'Raspberry'	Randy Dugan
6	Epidendrum conopseum	Randy Dugan
7	Den. Hybrid	Maria Hewitt
8	Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	Matt Riesz
9	Den. Norma Jackson x Den. Discolor	Susan Kimmel
10	Bulbophyllum mastersianum	Susan Kimmel
11	Habenaria Hampson	Susan Kimmel
12	Rlc. Chomthong Delight	Maria Hewitt
13	Rlc. Katherine Chatham 'Alexandra'	Matt Riesz
14	Odc. Everglades Elegance	Matt Riesz
15	Bulbophyllum lasiochilum	Matt Riesz
16	Bulbophyllum annandalei	Matt Riesz
17	Bulbophyllum Matt Riesz	Matt Riesz
18	Rlc. Chyong Guu Linnet	Matt Riesz
19	Dendrobium Hybrid (yellow, red lip)	Doris Keyser
20	Phalaenopsis Jamie's Burgundy 'Sweetheart' x Phal. Burgundy Little Gem 'Stripes Star'	Kristin Stewart
21	Rlc. Chunfong Little Sun 'KW' (Rlc. Tzeng-wen Beauty x Rlc. Guanmiao Canary)	Susan Kimmel
22	Paphiopedilum spicerianum	Randy Dugan
23	Robiquetia cerina	Randy Dugan
24	C. Ike Woolley	Lacy & Kathy Shawver
25	Bl. Yellow Bird	Bella Roberts
26	Blc. Purple Passion	Ken Mort
27	Bsn. Maikai	Randy Dugan

Show Table for November



BIV. Kulwadee Fragrance x .
V. Dr. Anek 'Raspberry'



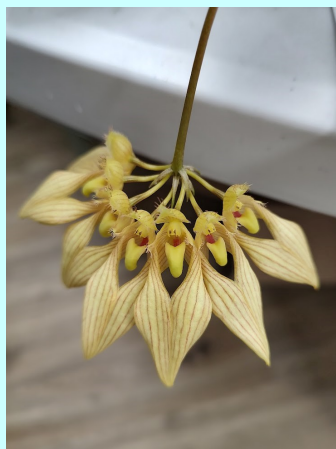
Yellow Bird - mature flower



Bl. Yellow Bird - newly opened



Bsn. Maikai



Bulb. annandalei



Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'



Bulb. lasiochilum



Bulb. mastersianum



Bulb. Matt Riesz

Show Table continued



C. Ike Woolley



Dendrobium Hybrid



Den. Hybrid



Den. Norma Jackson x Den. discolor -
this was a GIANT plant!!



Epi. conopseum - native to our area of Florida!



Habenaria Hanson



Max. schunkeana — black flowers



Odc. Everglades Elegance



Paph. spicerianum

Show Table continued



Phal. Jamie's Burgundy 'Sweetheart' x
Phal. Burgundy Little Gem 'Stripes Star'



Rlc. Chomthong Delight



Rlc. Chunfong Little Sun 'KW'



Rlc. Chyong Guu Linnett



Rlc. Katherine Chatham 'Alexandra'



Rlc. Purple Passion



Robiquetia cerina



V. Dr. Anek x V. Bitz's Heartthrob

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Presenter	The world's top orchid experts share the latest information on a broad range of webinar topics.	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Harvey Breneisse Long time orchid grower across multiple states and in different environments.	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer



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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.

Poem About Orchids

By Maya Anthony

In quiet corners, orchids bloom,
Soft whispers in a perfumed room,
Gentle petals, nature's loom,
In their silence, beauty's groom.

Tender stems, gracefully tall,
In their presence, shadows fall,
Silent beauty, enthralls us all,
Orchids stand, slender and small.

In their stillness, a story told,
Of elegance, bold yet cold,
In their petals, mysteries hold,
Whispering orchids, nature's gold.



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The Orchid Tree at Pennsylvania's Longwood Gardens

Happy Holidays