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Next Meeting



March 22- 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.

New meeting location and date!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Spring Hill,

13485 Spring Hill Dr, Spring Hill, FL 34609

President's Message



Hi everyone,

I hope everyone enjoyed Naoki Kawamura's presentation in February about Coryanthes. Those are certainly some of the oddest flowers in the orchid world. The video of the orchid bee was spectacular. We have some other exciting events coming up, too:

March 22nd: Mark Sands of Tangled Roots Orchid Nursery will present "Renovation & Repopulation," a program about bringing native orchids back to the wild.

April 26th: Ryan Kowalczyk will present a program on paphiopedilum & phragmipedium culture.

May 2nd, 3rd and 4th: Our annual orchid show, "Love of Orchids" will be held at the St. Joan of Arc church, with setup on Friday the 2nd and the actual show on Saturday and Sunday.

May 24th: our annual re-potting workshop. Bring and orchid to re-pot, divide, or whatever, or just come and watch to see how it's done.

I want to thank everyone who has renewed their membership or recently joined our society. Membership dues are the main way we fund our programs and educational outreach each year. I hope you're all enjoying both the educational and social aspects of our meetings! Please remember that we're always interested in any ideas you may have to make our organization more interesting.

It's that time of year again when we need to start re-potting our orchids. Spring has sprung, and the warmer temperatures and higher light conditions will encourage your orchids to start new growth. So now is the best time to give them a new home if they need it. They don't ALL need it, but those that have outgrown their pots, or the media is old and starting to decay, or perhaps just looking a bit sad, are candidates for your attention. That means new pots and new media and/or dividing ones that have become too large. Please remember that if you divide a plant we'd love to see some divisions in our annual auction in August. Dividing them now will give those divisions time to become established in their new home. Divisions of our own members' plants is one of the things that make an auction special, since many of those plants may not be available in the trade anymore.

I'm off to start tackling some of my orchids that are WAY too large. Happy orchid-growing!

Matt

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NCOS speaker schedule through December 2025

Updated as of 3/01/2025

April 26- Ryan Kowalczyk will present a program on Paphiopedilum & Phragmipedium culture. He is an accredited AOS judge & has been growing orchids for 40 years. He specializes in growing Cattleyas, Catasetums & Paphs. He's received 175 AOS awards on his orchids; most were quality awards. He's also won 5 of the special yearly awards given internationally by the AOS. He'll most certainly be able to teach us how to grow our Paphs & Phrags. He will be bringing plants for sale.

May 2 & 3 - Our Annual Orchid Show & Sale.
More info to come.

May 24- Annual potting workshop. Garden Trails will be selling supplies.

June 28- June 28- How to Build a Quality Orchid Collection by Jeff Adkins.

July 26- Jim Roberts is coming to talk to us about encyclias, an easy & fun to grow group of orchids.

August 23- Our annual orchid auction!

Sept. 27- Melana and Jim Davidson will teach us about growing and blooming Catasetum orchids.

Oct. 25- Annual picnic at Crews Lake Park.

Nov. 22- Keith Emig of Winter Haven Orchids, will talk about Vandaceous Orchids other than Vandas. He will teach us about the unusual orchids in that genus; Aerides, Angraecoid, Neofinetia, Renantheas & Rhynchostylis. He will be bringing orchids to sell.

December- Our annual Holiday party.

Membership Notes

by Carol Siegley

Our total membership is now 164, but only 49 have paid their dues for 2025. There is still time to pay your dues and remain current.

You don't want to miss a thing!

Looking for helpful information to transition your orchids from winter to spring and summer? Check out Sue Bottoms article "Spring into Action., Orchids are Awakening and Entering the Prime Growing Season".

<https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/SpringIntoActionbySueBottom.pdf>

Picture raffle information

Hi everyone,

I mentioned this past week that we would be starting a contest to get a free orchid at each meeting.



Here's how it works:

1. Take a picture of yourself holding one of your orchids. YOU must be in the picture with the orchid.
2. Send the picture to Barbara Brown at ranbar03@verizon.net, including your name & the name of the orchid.
3. Barbara will make a raffle ticket for your entry, and also put your picture on our Facebook group page
4. We will draw from the raffle tickets at the next meeting to see who wins the raffle orchid.

That's it! There is no limit to the number of pictures of you with an orchid. Each one will entitle you to another raffle ticket. Watch our Facebook page for the posts, and feel free to put up your own posts of orchid pictures (we all love to see them!!)

Best wishes for happy orchids!

Matt Riesz

Coryanthes Orchids and their Hybrids

With Speaker Naoki Kawamura

Naoki Kawamura spoke about *Coryanthes* orchids and their hybrids at the February meeting. Naoki is an avid orchid hobbyist, who lives in Venice, Florida.

The name *Coryanthes* come from “corys” meaning helmet, and “anthos” meaning flower, due to the resemblance of the flowers to helmets. Also called bucket orchids, the flowers have a unique relationship with bees, trapping them in the “bucket” as part of the plant’s pollination process. These orchids are native to South and Central America, where the temperatures and humidity are high.

They enjoy moderate to bright light, and plenty of water. They do not like to dry out. *Coryanthes* also are sensitive to salt, so if your water source may have salt in it, this is a consideration. They also enjoy plenty of moving air, and temperature range from 50 to 85 degrees, with around 70 degrees being optimal for best growth.

These plants are great in baskets that hang, as the flowers appear from the bottom. Naoki uses a mix for excellent drainage, consisting of one part bark, one part sponge rock, and two parts tree fern. Some styrofoam peanuts may also be used on the bottom. Place some coconut fiber on the bottom of the basket, then the planting medium, then plant the orchid.

The drawback of these orchids is that so few are available! Of many species, only a few can be found. Another problem is that the flowers are very short-lived, only lasting up to 3 days. This can be a real challenge when showing these orchids, as judging must be done quickly before the flowers expire. Sometimes when showing, the flowers do not last long enough to make it through the judging process! These orchids also need a fair amount of space to grow, a consideration to keep in mind.

There are some great benefits to *Coryanthes* orchids. One is the speed at which they grow. Compared to many other species, *Coryanthes* grow very fast. They are relatively forgiving, and easy to grow.

Sources:

Locally: **Ecuagenera in Apopka** <https://ecuageneraus.com/collections/coryanthes>

Currently shows several *Coryanthes* varieties

Shogun Hawaii <https://cattleyaorchidshawaii.com/collections/stanhopea-coryanthes-coryhopea> Website shows quite a number of *coryanthes*, *stanhopea*, and *coryhopea* hybrids.

Orquideas Amazonicas <https://www.orquideasamazonicas.com/online-en/>

Ebay— Rogue Orchids



Coryanthes macrocorys
Alex Scharnberg
Flowers open like angel
or swan wings.



Coryanthes macrantha
Encyclopedia Britannica
bucket shaped flowers



Coryanthes verrucolineata
Monaco Nature Encyclopedia
pendulous inflorescence

	A	B	C
1	NCOS Show Table 2-22-2025		
2	Plant Name	Grower	
3	Vanda Wirat Gordon	Herb May	
4	Vanda Taweasukas	Herb May	
5	Bulbophyllum romyi	Matt Riesz	
6	Dendrobium kingianum	Susan Kimmel	
7	Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside'	Randy Dugan/Barbara Brown	
8	Rlc. Hawaiian Prominence 'America'	Susan Kimmel	
9	Dendrobium Spring Dream 'Apollon' AM/AOS	Nancy Huff	
10	Ludisia discolor	Randy Dugan/Barbara Brown	
11	Caulaelia Mizoguchi	Bella Roberts	
12	Rth. Jessie Sabo 'Paradise'	Matt Riesz	
13	Cyclopogon lindleyanus 'Joyce Constance' CHM/AOS	Matt Riesz	
14	Ludisia discolor	Matt Riesz	
15	Rhyncholaelia glauca	Matt Riesz	
16	Rhyncholaelia Aristocrat	Bella Roberts	
17	Rhyncholaelia Aristocrat	Matt Riesz	
18	Rlc. Chief Sunlight 'Yellow Ruby'	Matt Riesz	
19	Dendrobium amethystoglossum	Susan Kimmel	
20	Oncostele Pacific Perspective 'Pacific Heat'	Susan Kimmel	
21	Aliceara Stellar 'Hoku'	Susan Kimmel	
22	Brassocattleya Yellow Bird	Marta Menendez-Lynn	
23	Paphiopedilum Hybrid (green)	Sonya and Alan Evans	
24	Paphiopedilum Hybrid (White/brown bulldog type))	Sonya and Alan Evans	
25	Dendrobium Ueang Pheung	Sonya and Alan Evans	
26	Laelia anceps	Susan Kimmel	

February Show Table—photos by Bryon Provencher



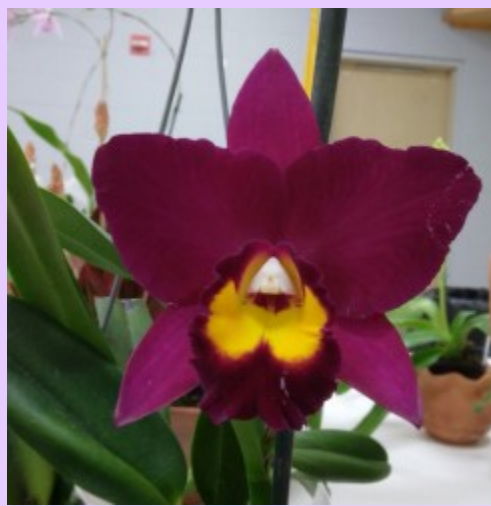
Dendrobium Spring Break x Apollon



Dendrobium Kingianum



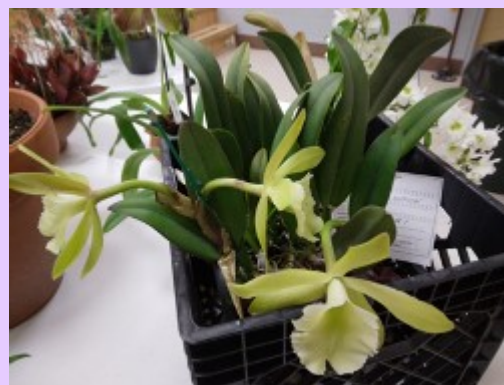
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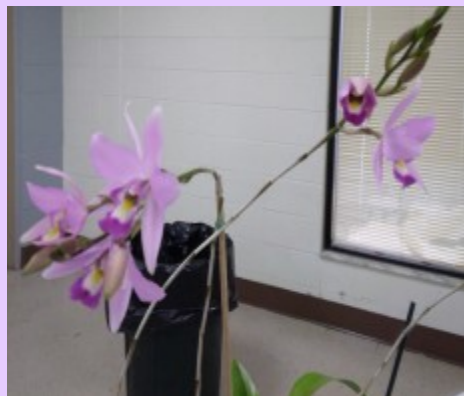
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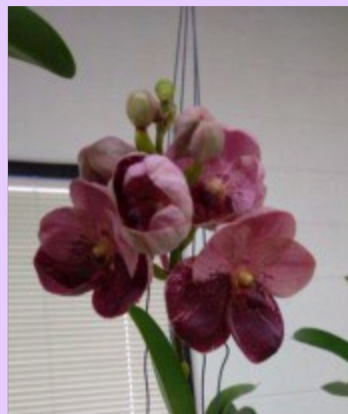
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Hybrid Caulaelia Mizoguchicyc



Vanda Taweesuksa x Vivian



Cyclopogon Lindleyanus Joyce Constance



Ludisia Discolor



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Luisia Teretifolia



Maxillaria Variabilis



Rhyncholaelia Aristocrat



Dendrobium Amethystoglossum



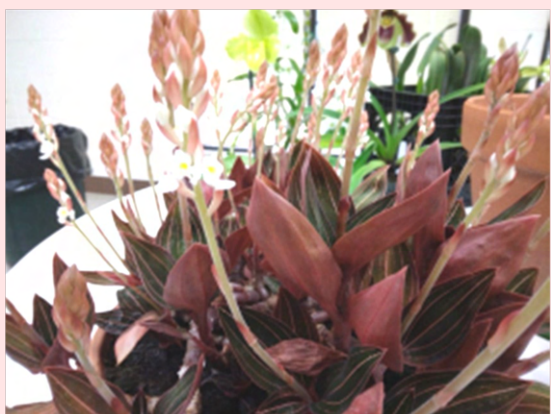
Alera Stellar Hoku



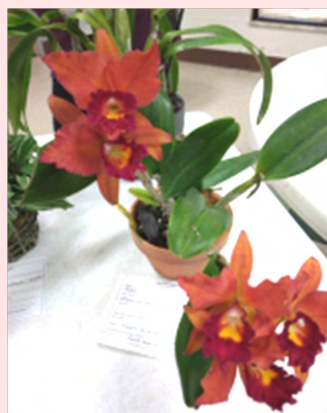
RLC. Chief Sunlight Yellow Ruby



Brassavola Nodosa Yellow Bird



Ludisia Discolor



RTH. Jessie Sabo paradise

New orchid species discovered that looks like a cupcake

Researchers at Norfolk Island National Park, Australia, conducting a study, recently discovered an orchid that looked different from similar known species. The research team, Dr. Heidi Zimmer, Dr. Mark Clements, Joel Christian, Mel Wilson, and Allie Andersen excitedly collected a sample to bring back for further study. The orchid was identified as being in the genus *Adelopetalum*, but its exact classification was unclear.

Many botanists and taxonomists worked together to assist in identifying the orchid. Tens of thousands of herbarium samples not only in Australia, but internationally, were analyzed. The analysis utilized both physical specimens and digitized collections, allowing for a huge array of possible matches.

A scientific article of their exhaustive research was published in *Phytotaxa*, the world's largest botanical taxonomy journal. The orchid, *Adelopetalum argyropus* is described as having pseudobulbs that are broadly oblong, obconical, or turbinate: similar in shape to a cupcake. The pseudobulbs have shallow grooves, such as a cupcake would have. (see photo below).

Check out the link below to an article by Rodielon Putol, Earth.com staff writer, for all the details:

<https://www.earth.com/news/adelopetalum-argyropus-new-orchid-species-discovered-resembles-small-cupcake/>



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

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