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Next Meeting:

Meetings are held at: **St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 13485 Spring Hill Dr, Spring Hill, FL 34609** on the **FOURTH Saturday** of the month, unless otherwise noted.
12:00PM Meeting starts — 11:00am to 12:00pm social hour

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April 4—Please note the change in date and location from our usual meeting time - Orchid Repotting & Mounting Orchid Demos at **Crews Lake Park**. Please bring a dish to share. If you didn't sign up at the February meeting just email or call Annie Aierstock at (350)270-9191 or aiersja@hotmail.com (please note Annie is not a texter). Bring a plant or purchase a plant to repot as members will be able to sell plants at this meeting. Come & repot or just watch, learn, visit & eat. The fun starts at 11:00. We'll be in shelter #3 near the bathroom. Members can bring plants to sell.

President's Message



Hi everyone,

Has our weather finally stopped handing us cold spells? I certainly hope so! This is the time of year when our plants come out of their slowed growth over the winter and start putting on their Spring and Summer growth. It's a perfect time to re-pot those that need it and perhaps divide ones that are overgrown. If you DO divide a plant please consider saving a division for our auction that's coming up in August.

Our annual show was a truly beautiful event. Did you come and see it? We had over 50 of our members helping out over the course of the weekend, and I want to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to you all. We could not have done it without your help, and I hope you all had a lot of fun. Furthermore, I hope everyone had a chance to get some special orchids from our fine vendors. I certainly did! We had a couple of members who received their first-ever awards from the American Orchid Society. CONGRATULATIONS!

Vanda SunCoast Freckles 'Stella My Love' from Payton Millican received an AM/AOS.

Paphiopedilum Transvaal 'Floraskan Slipper' from Sacha & Wes Fenimore received an HCC/AOS

Gertie Messenger's Phalaenopsis Quilt 'Gertie's Woven Dream' was in our art exhibit and received a special artistic award: AC/AOS.

I hope you saw these and all the other beautiful orchids and art we displayed. Thanks to everyone who was kind enough to share their beautiful plants and art. Detailed lists of all our many winners are later in the newsletter.

Speaking of re-potting, our next meeting will be a clinic on how to do it. We'll have orchid repotting & mounting demonstrations and a pot luck luncheon. This is a "follow along" type of activity and I encourage you to bring a plant that you want to re-pot. It's also a potluck picnic so bring a dish to share.

Our usual meeting date & location will be different this month. The church is not available due to Easter activities. If you didn't sign up to bring a dish at the Feb. meeting just email or call Annie Aierstock at aiersja@hotmail.com or telephone her at (350)270-9191 (please note Annie is not a texter). Our member Sonya Evans from Garden Trails orchid supply will be there with orchid supplies, too. If you need anything specific, give her a call at 813-833-9067.

Come & repot or just watch, learn, visit & eat. The fun starts at 11:00.

We'll be in shelter #3 near the restrooms.

Matt

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NCOS speaker schedule through December 2026

Updated as of 4/1/2026

May 23- Mike Sands will talk about 'Organic & Inorganic Pest & Fungal Control. Mike owns Tangled Roots Nursery. This is a topic we've all had questions about and Mike will be able to give us some guidance. Mike will bring plants for sale.

June 27- Harry McElroy - 'Mr. Cymbidium Man' comes to by way of Arkansas & then California. He began growing Cymbidiums in California in 1979. When he moved to Jacksonville in 1991 with 200 Cymbidiums he set out to prove that Cymbidiums can thrive in warm weather. Now he's up to 4000 Cymbidiums & will share his secrets with us. Harry will bring orchids to sell.

July 25- Dr. Craig Huegel the USF Botanical Garden Director will be talking to us about Florida's Native Orchids. Dr. Craig Hegel has 34 years of experience with native plants, education & gardening. He is a Lead Curator for the USF Botanical Garden. In addition he has an online blog on native Florida wildflowers & has published several books. Members can bring orchids to sell.

August 22- Our Annual Auction! Orchids of every size, shape & color will be on the auction block. This is a great opportunity to purchase rare & unusual orchids at a discount price. The Orchids are available for viewing at 11:00 & the auction starts promptly at 12:00. Free admission & parking. This is our largest fundraiser for the year & everyone is welcome. Not only is this a fun event but you will learn a lot about orchids. A list of the orchids available for sale will be on our website before the auction.

September 12- TBD

October 24- Keith & Dina Emig 'Winterizing Your Orchids' Keith is a very entertaining speaker & this is the perfect time to start getting ready for the cold weather ahead before the temps drop. He'll talk to us about which orchids need to be kept drier so they'll bloom in the spring. Which orchids need shelter at which temperature & which orchids actually bloom better if they get cold. He'll answer these questions & more in this talk. Keith & Dina will be bringing plant to sell to us.

November 14 - Jim & Melana Davison from Jim-N-I Orchids will be talking to us about 'Growing & Blooming Australian Dendrobiums'. This is a beautiful group of Dendrobiums that take special growing conditions to bloom. Jim & Melana who are members of the Nature Coast Society, will share the secrets to the success of this unique group of orchids. Between the 2 of them they have over 60 years of growing experience. They're both AOS judges & grow all genera of orchids but specialize in Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, Phalenopsis, Bulbs & Catasetums. They will be bringing plants to sell.

December 12 - Holiday Dinner

NCOS Show 2026 – Orchid Artistry



Photos: Eileen Muzzey Hector



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Trophy Winners

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Best in Show by a Commercial Grower

Den. chrysotoxum

exhibited by: Smiley Orchids -

Best in Show by a NCOS Member

Paph. Transvaal

exhibited by: Sacha and Wes Fenimore -

Best Cattleya Alliance

Rlc. Royal Digs

exhibited by: Matt Riesz -

Best Phalaenopsis Alliance

Phal. Shulong

exhibited by: Payton Millican -

Best Dendrobium Alliance

Den. Sakura 'Hime'

exhibited by: Matt Riesz -

Best Species - all orchids in show

Maxillaria hennisiana

exhibited by: Redel Manuel -

Best Oncidium Alliance

Tolumnia Jairak Flyer ' Sahara'

exhibited by: Susan Kimmel -

Best Orchid Art

Fabric art - pink Phalaenopsis on blue background

exhibited by: Gertie Messenger -

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Ribbon Winners

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Class 20 Commercial Grower - Dendrobium Alliance

- First Place** Den. chrysotoxum
exhibited by: Smiley Orchids Clermont, FL
- First Place** Den. farmeri (pink)
exhibited by: Orchids in Bloom Apopka, FL
- First Place** Den. Hamana Lake 'Prism'
exhibited by: Orchids in Bloom Apopka, FL
- First Place** Den. loddigesii
exhibited by: The Orchid Den Jacksonville, FL
- First Place** Den. primulinum
exhibited by: Smiley Orchids Clermont, FL
- First Place** Den. Super Nestor
exhibited by: Florida Suncoast Orchids Clermont, FL
- Second Place** Den. discolor
exhibited by: The Orchid Den Jacksonville, FL
- Second Place** Den. Little Atró
exhibited by: Orchids in Bloom Apopka, FL
- Third Place** Den. Airy Spun Gold (unreg. Hybrid)
exhibited by: Lady Vanda Orchids Ocala, FL
- Third Place** Den. farmeri (pink)
exhibited by: Smiley Orchids Clermont, FL

Class 40 Commercial Grower - All others

- First Place** Ascocentrum curvifolium
exhibited by: Florida Suncoast Orchids Clermont, FL
- Second Place** Paph. Ho Chi Minh
exhibited by: Lady Vanda Orchids Ocala, FL
- Third Place** Tolumnia bahamensis
exhibited by: The Orchid Den Jacksonville, FL

Class 460 Vanda Alliance

- First Place** V. Tamiami Blues 'Nightshade'
exhibited by: Sheri Stipp New Port Richey, FL
- Second Place** Pda. Suncoast Freckle
exhibited by: Payton Millican ,

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Second Place Vanda Suwannaphum Sunshine
exhibited by: Cheryl Crilly Tampa, FL

Class 480 Phalaenopsis (and Doritis) Species

Third Place Phal. Schilleriana
exhibited by: Bella Roberts Palm Harbor, FL

Class 491 Phalaenopsis (and Doritis) Hybrids - white/cream, with or without bars, spots or stripes

First Place Phal. I-Hsin Finglin
exhibited by: Nancy Huff Crystal River, FL

First Place Phal. Mini Mark 'Holm'
exhibited by: Sheri Stipp New Port Richey, FL

Second Place Phal. Hybrid (white)
exhibited by: Doris Keyser Homosassa, FL

Second Place Phal. Long Pride Snowboard
exhibited by: Christine Stewart Spring Hill, FL

Second Place Phal. Mini Mark
exhibited by: Ashley Price Hudson, FL

Second Place Phal. Sogo Yukidan
exhibited by: Susan Kimmel New Port Richey, FL

Second Place Phal. Younghome Gentleman
exhibited by: Matt Riesz Spring Hill, FL

Third Place Phal. Hybrid (mini white)
exhibited by: Rachel Herter Homosassa, FL

Third Place Phal. Hybrid (white, mounted on wood)
exhibited by: Rachel Herter Homosassa, FL

Class 495 Phalaenopsis (and Doritis) Hybrids - pink or lavender/purple, with or without bars, spots or stripes

First Place Phal. Hybrid - harlequin type, purple
exhibited by: Susan Kimmel New Port Richey, FL

First Place Phal. I-Hsin Sesame Milk
exhibited by: Payton Millican

First Place Phal. Shulong
exhibited by: Payton Millican

Second Place Phal Hybrid - mini purple
exhibited by: Doris Keyser Homosassa, FL

Class 500 Phalaenopsis (and Doritis) Hybrids - yellow/green/brown, with or without bars, spots or stripes

Second Place Phal. Hybrid - yellow with red veins
exhibited by: Matt Riesz Spring Hill, FL

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- Second Place** Phal. I-Hsin Golden Beth
exhibited by: Payton Millican ,
- Second Place** Phal. Mini Lemon Drops
exhibited by: Bob East Homosassa, FL
- Second Place** Phal. Mini Lemon Drops 'Sweetheart'
exhibited by: Matt Riesz Spring Hill, FL
- Second Place** Phal. Shulong 'LIT24'
exhibited by: Ashley Price Hudson, FL
- Third Place** Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope
exhibited by: Carolyn Shearer ,

Class 506 Phalaenopsis (and Doritis) Hybrids - other colors including red, sunsets, art shades and colors other than above

- Second Place** Phal I-Hsin Pleo 'Jujube'
exhibited by: Payton Millican ,
- Second Place** Phalaenopsis Hybrid - suntan color
exhibited by: Jeff Rundell Homosassa, FL

Class 570 Oncidium Alliance

- First Place** Tolumnia Jairak Flyer ' Sahara'
exhibited by: Susan Kimmel New Port Richey, FL
- Second Place** Onc. Twinkle 'Fantasy' (white)
exhibited by: Doris Keyser Homosassa, FL
- Third Place** Tolumnia Jairak Rainbow
exhibited by: Kurt Hopkins Weeki Wachee, FL

Class 700 Dendrobiums - Nobile and other soft-cane and hybrids (Ex.: nobile, moniliforme, loddigesii, pendulum, findlayanum, parishii, devonianum, aphyllum, anosum, tortile, crepidatum, senile, etc.)

- First Place** Den. anosmum h.f. semialbum 'Pink'
exhibited by: Doris Keyser Homosassa, FL
- First Place** Den. Sakura 'Hime'
exhibited by: Matt Riesz Spring Hill, FL
- Second Place** Den. aphyllum
exhibited by: Rachel Herter Homosassa, FL
- Second Place** Den. Red Emperor
exhibited by: Susan Kimmel New Port Richey, FL
- Third Place** Den. anosmum h.f. semialbum 'Pink'
exhibited by: Doris Keyser Homosassa, FL
- Third Place** Den. Chanthaboon Sunrise
exhibited by: Payton Millican ,

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Third Place Den. Rainbow Dance
exhibited by: Doris Keyser Homosassa, FL

Class 720 Dendrobiums - Phalaenanthus and Spatulata sections and hybrids (Examples: phalaenopsis, biggibum, antennatum, gouldii)

First Place Den. QF Hawaiian Magic
exhibited by: Kaylene Hill Spring Hill, FL

Second Place Den. antennatum
exhibited by: Payton Millican ,

Third Place Dendrobium Amethyst
exhibited by: Sacha and Wes Fenimore New Port Richey, FL

Class 770 All other Dendrobiums including Latouria and oxyglossum sections and others

First Place Den. harveyanum
exhibited by: Payton Millican ,

Second Place Den. delicatum
exhibited by: Bella Roberts Palm Harbor, FL

Second Place Den. Mem. Sue Golan
(Roy Tokunaga x aberrans)
exhibited by: Doris Keyser Homosassa, FL

Third Place Den. lindleyi
exhibited by: Matt Riesz Spring Hill, FL

Class 1000 All other genera - species and hybrids

First Place Calanthe vestita
exhibited by: Payton Millican ,

First Place Maxillaria hennisiana
exhibited by: Redel Manuel Brooksville, FL

Second Place Cym. Joseph Schmidt 'Song of Israel'
exhibited by: Matt Riesz Spring Hill, FL

Second Place Ludisia discolor var. nigrescens x sib.
exhibited by: Redel Manuel Brooksville, FL

Third Place Max. tenuifolia
exhibited by: Ken Mort Hernando, FL

Third Place Max. variabilis
exhibited by: Matt Riesz Spring Hill, FL

Third Place Phaius tankervilleae
exhibited by: Bella Roberts Palm Harbor, FL

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Award of Merit / American Orchid Society

Pda. Suncoast Freckles

exhibited by: Payton Millican

Highly Commended Certificate / American Orchid Society

Paph. Transvaal

exhibited by: Sacha and Wes Fenimore

C. Mem. Hiromi Nishii

exhibited by: The Orchid Den

Artistic Certificate / American Orchid Society

Fabric art - pink Phalaenopsis on blue background

exhibited by: Gertie Messenger



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Pre-Show Activities
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Webinars - Coming Attractions!

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When	April 02, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	April 21, 2026 Wednesday 8:30 pm EDT	May 05, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EDT	Future Webinars
Topic	<u>FREE Live</u> Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by March 31</i>	<u>Members Only Live</u> Cattleya alajorii An introduction to growing primary, complex and intergenerics with this dwarf species. Benefit from personal experience.	<u>FREE Live</u> Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by May 02</i>	In Search Of Webinar Presenters You are invited to share <i>your</i> orchid knowledge with an enthusiastic audience of thousands. Contact webinar organizer for details. greenhousechat@aos.org
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Jojo Beaubien Successful grower of this petite orchid species	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Expert Growers, Hobby Growers, AOS Judges, Scientists, Biologists and YOU!



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and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

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Club Elections are right around the corner. All open positions have been filled, except for Secretary. Here is the basic duties description. If you would like to volunteer for this position for the coming year, please let Matt know at the next meeting.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep accurate and complete Minutes of all the meetings of the Club and of the Executive Board; The Secretary shall furnish a copy of the Minutes to the President.

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: corvalor21@gmail.com

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