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Coming Soon



- March 19th and 20th will be our annual orchid show, at the VFW. Set-up and plant registration will be on Friday March 18th. Come and "Dance with the Orchids" !! See page 3 for more details.
- Our April 16th meeting be at a **new venue**
Northcliffe Baptist Church
10515 Northcliffe Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34608



President's Message

From Steve Mattana

Good day everyone

Saturday's meeting was very informative from the folks at Garden Trails. Alan and Sonia brought everything that you could possibly need for your orchid collection. And we thank them for their presentation Well here we are! Now just days away from our annual show! If you have just one plant to put into the display with one flower please bring it. And of course, please come to the show. A lot of effort is put forth to put the show on. Many people are working very hard to do this extravaganza! We need all available hands and all available donations. Set up will be at 8 AM Friday morning. All the vendors will be bringing their wares. Again help will be needed to assist the vendors bringing in the product and of course to set up the display. And lastly, we are meeting location is moving! We will be meeting at the Northcliff Church period beginning in April. Same time for A map will be posted on this Kieki The address is 10515 Northcliff Blvd., Spring Hill. The easiest way to get there is you take Cortez to Mariner Boulevard make a left-hand turn heading south. Go down about 2 miles to Northcliff Boulevard and turn right. The facility is on your right hand side. You can also access the Northcliff Church by coming down Deltona heading south turning left onto Northcliff. The facility is about a half a mile down on your left. I'll see everybody bright and early 8 am Friday morning the 18th for show set up. And I will see everybody Saturday and Sunday from 10 until four. Be sure to bring your friends.

Happy growing

Steve

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<u>President</u>	Steve Mattana
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EXECUTIVE BOARD**COMMITTEES**

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<u>Refreshment Reminders</u>	Volunteers please
<u>Show Table Report</u>	Matt Riesz
<u>Speaker Segment Writer</u>	Corbin Beller
<u>Trips</u>	Volunteers please
<u>Webmaster</u>	Bob East (Website set up by Ken Dunn)
<u>AOS Representative</u>	Matt Riesz

What's Going on?

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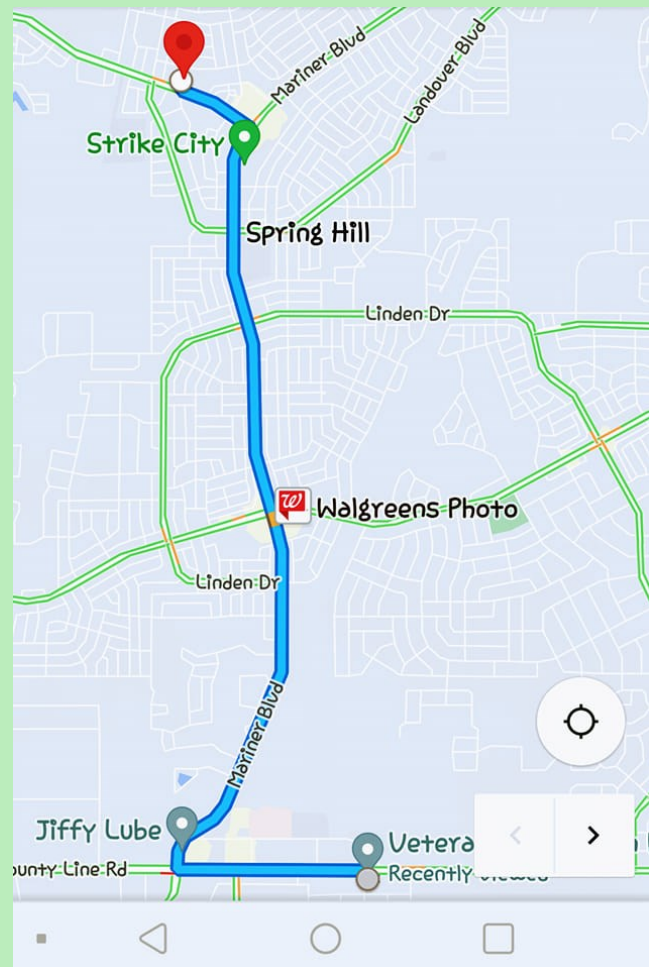
18940 Drayton Street

Spring Hill, FL 34610

April's speaker will be Joshua Jones and we will be meeting at our new venue!!!!

Northcliffe Baptist Church
10515 Northcliffe Blvd
Spring Hill, FL 34608

Directions from VFW to Northcliff Baptist Church



Exciting Events Coming Up!!

NCOS Spring Orchid Show

“Dancing with the Orchids”

March 19th and 20th, 2022

Our 2022 annual orchid show will be held on March 19th and 20th at the VFW, with setup on Friday, March 18th. We'll need lots of volunteers to help with setup on the 18th, judging on the 19th and takedown on the 20th. Once again, our show will be AOS-judged. Of course, we'll also need your blooming plants! Now is the time to start preparing those plants for show—staking the emerging inflorescences; cleaning up

Finishing out the year

April 16th - The Orchid Den

May 21st - Bill Nunez

June 18th - Florida Orchid House

July 16th –Bredren Orchids (not confirmed)

August 20th –TBD

September 17th - Lady Vanda Orchids, Serena

October 15th –Norman Fang

November 19th –Auction

December 17th –End of year party

Congratulations

to Bella Robers on her 2 AOS awards



Membership Notes
for February
by Arlene Appelbaum

Our February meeting was well attended with over 50 people present. Our total membership count as of December 2021 showed 150 paid, life, or honorary members of the NCOS family.

I am disappointed that we have only collected our 2022 dues from 60 folks.

I would like to encourage those of you who haven't attended the January or February meeting to please contact me and let me know if you wish to continue your membership for 2022. If you do, I would strongly urge you to send me your dues so I can update my list. If you do not wish to be included for this year, please also let me know. You will be missed.

Unfortunately I will not be at our show 'Dancing with the Orchids' on the 19th and 20th of this month, but hopefully will be present for our April meeting to collect dues.

ORCHID QUIZ

(answers on last page)

What Do I Smell?

- 1) Which orchid smells like coconut?
 - A. Satyrium pumilum
 - B. Brassavola nodosa
 - C. Maxillaria tenuifolia
 - D. Vanilla planifolia
- 2) What orchid has the scent of chocolate?
 - A. Brassavola nodosa
 - B. Oncidium Sharry Baby
 - C. Cattleya walkeriana
 - D. Dendrobium kingianum
- 3) Which is a lemon scented orchid?
 - A. Maxillaria tenuifolia
 - B. Oncidium Sharry Baby
 - C. Satyrium pumilum
 - D. Thelymitra antennifera
- 4) Which orchid smells like root beer?
 - A. Encyclia prostechea radiata
 - B. Oncidium Sharry Baby
 - C. Brassavola nodosa
 - D. Cattleya walkeriana
- 5) Do I smell rotting flesh?
 - A. Maxillaria tenuifolia
 - B. Vanilla planifolia
 - C. Rhynchostylis gigantea
 - D. Satyrium pumilum

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Yvette Lewis

Current Report as of 2/28/2022:

Prior bal. as of 1/21/2022:	\$15,171.11
Total receipts (raffle, etc.):	\$782.50
Total disbursements:	<u>\$873.89</u>
Bank bal. as of 2/28/2022:	\$15,079.72
Outstanding Checks:	<u>\$2,597.50</u>
Cash On Hand 2/28/2022:	<u>\$12,482.22</u>

MEMBERS:

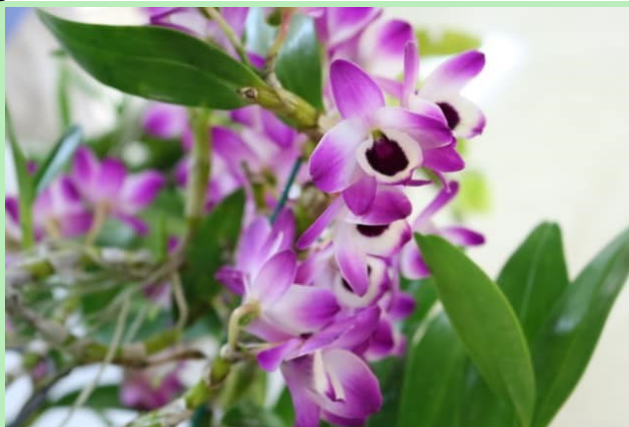
Arlene has graciously taken over sending get-well cards and sympathy cards to members. If you know of any members who are ill or grieving, please send her an email to let her know at fluffy2cats@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

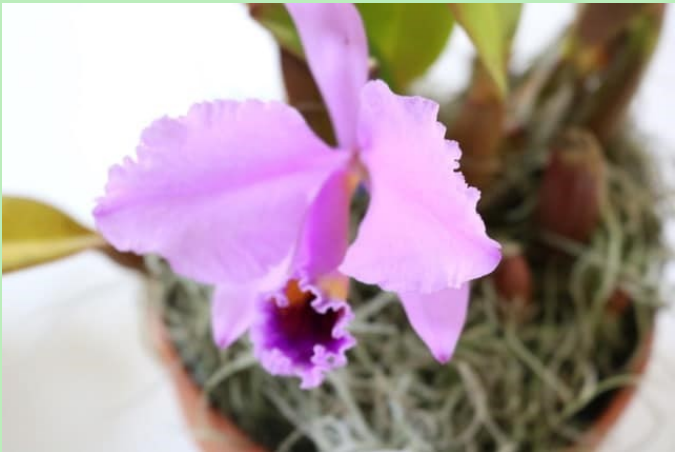


NCOS Show Table February 26th, 2022

Plant Name	Grower
<i>C. percivaliana</i>	Dan Grant
<i>C. Traveling Star</i> x <i>C. Colorama</i>	Dan Grant
Den. Red Emperor	Matt Riesz
Den. Yellow Song	Matt Riesz
Max. variabilis	Matt Riesz
Phal. Hybrid	Shirley Henson
<i>Oncidopsis</i> Crimson Pride	Marge Waig
Rlc. Ricardo Laboy	Matt Riesz
<i>Calanthe vestita</i>	Ken Mort
Den. Sea Mary 'Snow King'	Ken Mort
<i>C. guatemalensis</i>	Matt Riesz
Lc. Gold Digger 'Orchid Jungle'	Ken Mort
Lc. Gold Digger 'Orglades Mandarin'	Ken Mort
Gur. aurantiaca	Ken Mort
Phal. Hybrid	Marge Waig
Gur. skinneri 'Heiti Jacobs' FCC/AOS	Matt Riesz
Gur. skinneri 'Heiti Jacobs' FCC/AOS	Ken Mort
<i>Rhyncostylis gigantea</i> 'Plai'	Matt Riesz









The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay. Articles like this can be [found on the AOS website](#) and in the archived issues of [ORCHIDS](#).

Cattleya Although March is, in many parts of the country, still a cold and blustery month, the lengthening days and warmer temperatures allowed by increased light are long-awaited harbingers of the coming change of season. Some of the best standard cattleyas of the year will be in bloom or will be blooming soon. The last of the winter-flowering hybrids will join the earliest of the spring hybrids in a wonderful display. Be on the alert for senescing sheaths that need removal. If these yellowing sheaths are not removed, the moisture they trap can lead to bud rot. Careful removal of the sheath will allow the buds to develop, although they will need additional support. Changing light conditions can also be a problem in March and April. An exceptionally bright day, especially immediately following a rain, can lead to sunburn of the foliage if shading is not attended to properly. There can still be periods of dull days where spikes can weaken owing to the lower light. Lengthening days will mean increased metabolic rates necessitating increased water and fertilizer. The plants will indicate needs by drying more rapidly, which means more frequent watering and fertilizing.

With the passing of the season for winter bloomers, and the beginning of the season for spring bloom, it is also the time to be on the lookout for plants that will need potting after they bloom. Immediately after blooming has proven to be the best time to repot winter- and spring-flowering cattleyas. In most cases, they will be ready to grow roots, so if potted at this time, they will root right into fresh mix with little or no setback.

Cymbidium Plants should be putting on a spectacular show this time of year. Adjust all staking and twist-ties and be on the lookout for aphids, slugs, and snails. Give adequate water because flowering strains the plants. As new growths appear later, increase the nitrogen level in the fertilizer. Should a plant look healthy but not be blooming, try increasing the light during the next growing season. The number-one reason for no flowers is lack of light.

Dendrobium (Australian) These hard-cane dendrobiums will be at their flowering peak now. It is not unusual to see a specimen of this type in an orchid show boasting 1,000 flowers. The secret with this group -- bred primarily from *Dendrobium kingianum* and *Dendrobium speciosum* -- is to provide ample water, fertilizer, and light during the growing season.

Lycaste This genus of superb orchids will be coming to the end of its flowering season. Soon you will see the beginning of new root growth, which is an excellent time to repot into fresh media. As new growth emerges, provide ample fertilizer and water. A sign of good culture is an increase in the size of pseudobulbs with each successive year.

Miltoniopsis This marks the beginning of the flowering season. Amazing displays of color will dazzle the grower over the next few months. Prepare your plants for optimum display by staking spikes (if needed) and cleaning off the older yellow foliage. Do not miss the wonderful fragrance as the flowers unfold.

Paphiopedilum March is the beginning of the season of heaviest potting for lady's-slipper orchids. However, it is a month where the volume of plants needing attention is still small. It is an excellent month to take the time to work with your paphiopedilums before the pressure of other potting prevents you doing the thorough job you should. Look at each plant: Is it clean of dead and dying foliage? Is it weed free? Does it need potting? Is it in spike? Does it have an insect problem? Cleaning and restaging your paphs is one of the most satisfying tasks of the orchid year. Cleaned and potted paphiopedilums look happy.

The summer-blooming types will be showing the first of their buds in March and April. Be on the lookout for the buds, as well as any insect pests that may have found their way into the crowns of your plants. It is especially difficult to clean mealybugs, in particular once they have become established in the plant. Better to get to them before they get a good toehold.

Increasing light levels should give emerging spikes the strength they need to grow straight and strong. Do not be too anxious to stake the spikes, because if they are staked too soon, the flowers may develop a "nodding" stance, where the dorsal will not stand upright. If the spikes seem to develop at an angle, let them, and stake after the flower has hardened for best carriage, especially on the hybrids with fairieanum background.

Phalaenopsis In most of the country, March is the peak blooming month for phalaenopsis. Staking needs to be carefully attended to, so that the flowers will be displayed at their best for orchid shows and judging -- even those intended for your home will look best if properly staked. One of the most decorative aspects of phalaenopsis spikes is the way they gracefully arch. If not staked properly, the spike will lack this grace and will not be as pleasing. Most growers like to have the final support just below the first flower, allowing

Spring
is
busting out
all over!

Each of the green blocks
on the AOS website
calendar is an orchid event.



Is there one in your area
this month?

March 2022

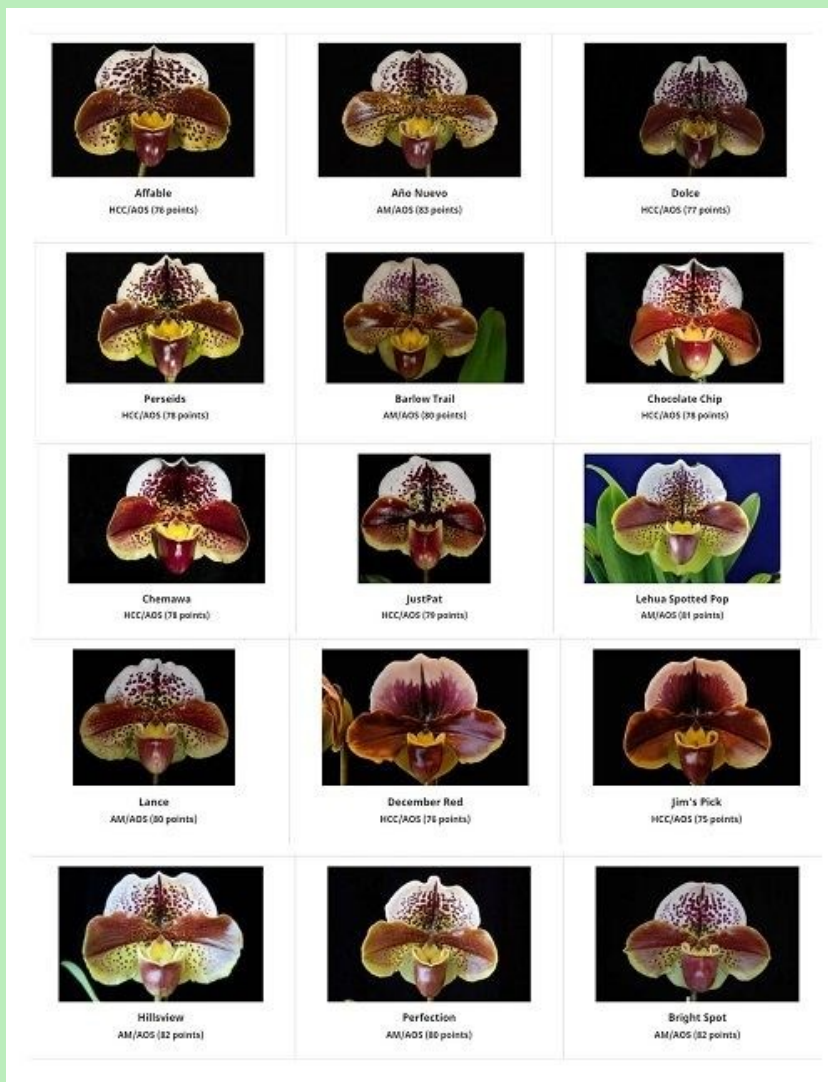
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OrchidPro helps you prepare to exhibit your orchids in a competitive field. Compare your blooms to those of similar previously awarded orchids. Consult the [Handbook on Judging](#) for insight into what the judges are looking for when your plant comes to the table.

Now that you have been working so hard on your orchid collection, it's time to show them off. Don't be intimidated by the judging process. You are encouraged to bring your orchids for judging to orchid shows and monthly judging, wherever AOS judging takes place. Though not every orchid is awardable, you can compare your orchid to those that have already been awarded to see how yours might fit in.

To illustrate diversity awarded in the same orchid hybrid, below is a comparison sample of Paphiopedilum Luther Pass (Paphiopedilum Winston Churchill x Paphiopedilum Spotglen). In OrchidPro you can learn that there are 18 AOS awards to this hybrid paphiopedilum. The first award was granted in 2009, the most recent award, January 02, 2022. Many are from the same exhibitor.



OrchidPro is a benefit of AOS membership. Take some time to explore all of the features. Even if you are not yet into exhibiting your orchids, there is a lot of information available to help you understand your orchids better.

Read your orchid name tags. You can search by species, or hybrid name, to see prior awards. If you do not know the hybrid name you can research the parents individually. Does your plant favor one parent over the other? Is it a nice blend of both parents? It may be worthy of an award. Do your research. Sit in on judging sessions. The more you know the better you grow and the better you show.

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!



When	February 15, 2022 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 23, 2022 8:30pm EST Wednesday	March 16, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday	March 22, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday
Topic	A Guide to Modern LED Lighting How to set up an indoor grow area	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	The Story of Jewel Orchids Glistening Gems of the Forest Floor	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Kelly McCracken Owner High Desert Orchids, Miniature Orchid Specialist	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Nicholas Rust Orchid hybridizer with a passion for terrestrials	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

Go here to join the AOS:
<https://secure.aos.org/join/new-membership>

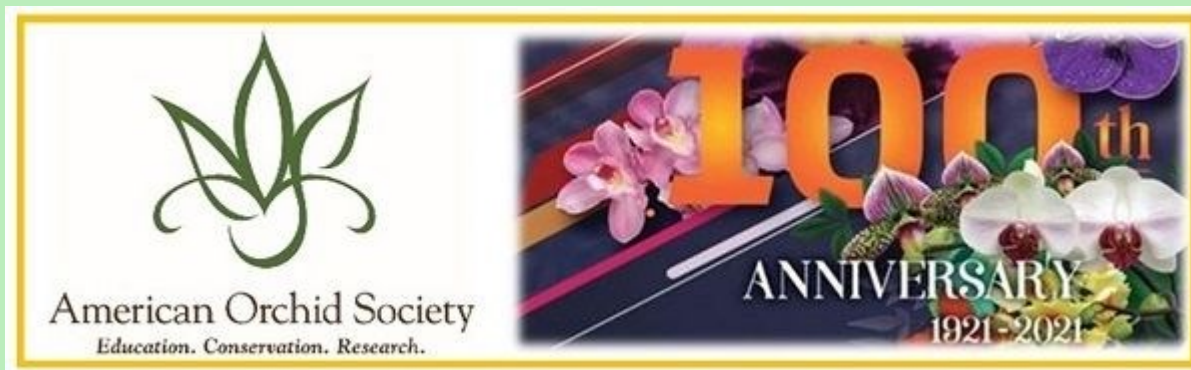
Meeting on Common Ground

Orchid shows are exciting events we all look forward to attending. Has your affiliated society ever wondered what it takes to [host an AOS Spring or Fall Members' Meeting](#) as part of your local society show?

The Trustees of the American Orchid Society and its Standing Committees meet twice each year, in the Spring and in the Fall. Spring meetings are usually held in March, April, or May; Fall sessions in September, October, or November. Meetings are open to AOS members and everyone interested in orchids. Advance planning is essential to allow time to make the necessary arrangements. The event typically begins on a Wednesday and ends on the following Sunday. An orchid show is big part of the event and is usually open to the public from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon.

Co-hosting a Members' Meeting with the AOS is an opportunity to showcase your society and your orchid neighborhood. It can benefit your organization and its members. As a co-host and partner, the AOS can add to the experience with vendor and speaker contacts. Society members have an opportunity to contribute to meeting planning and AOS activities. There is a bonus of having many orchid experts in one place and accessible to members and visitors.

If your society would like to host a meeting, or have further questions on how to do this, send us an email and we'll be happy to work with you: affiliated_societies@aos.org



Centennial Celebration at the Spring Members Meeting

Make plans now to attend this once in a lifetime event. Come meet and mingle with other orchid enthusiasts that support the mission of the AOS, **April 06-09, 2022**. Meet the office staff. Come hear what is happening in the AOS. Learn about the people who volunteer their time to this passion we all love. All AOS members are invited to attend committee and board meetings. Sit in on a [committee](#) meeting. Commit to a committee! Become a new volunteer! It's peak season in South Florida. Don't wait to book your [accommodations](#)! Explore the historic Biltmore hotel in Coral Gables. [Register now](#)

Tampa Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

Orchids By the Bay

SHOW and SALE

March 5-6, 2022

- Door Prizes
- Artistic Orchid Exhibits
- Orchid Plants, Supplies and Related Items for Sale
- Repotting Available



American Orchid Society
Judged Show
Plant Registration Entries
Open to the Public
All entries eligible for AOS
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See Our Website Show Page
for Details

Saturday, 10-5 and Sunday, 10-4
Tampa Scottish Rite, 5500 Memorial Hwy, Tampa, FL 33634

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- ACCENT Orchids
- ARTSTONE Orchids
- BREDREN Orchids
- KRULL-SMITH Orchids
- LOUIS DEL FAVERO Orchids
- MIRANDA Orchids
- SMILEY Orchids

General Admission \$5

\$1 discount for members of AOS and other orchid societies with proof of membership

Ages 12 and under \$ 80 and over FREE entry

Purchase a society membership in advance, or at the door, and get in FREE all weekend

Supplies and Related Items

- Cotton, Silk, Porcelain—Orchid Pottery
- Garden Trails—Specialty Plant Products
- Hicks Orchid Supplies
- Orchidabilia-Themed Wearables and more

<https://tampabayorchidsociety-shutterfly.com/2022showandsale>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TampaBayOrchidSociety>

The Jacksonville Orchid Society Presents

Orchid Fantasy

Show & Sale, March 19-20, 2022— Free Admission

10:00–6:00 Saturday; 10:00–4:00 Sunday

Mandarin Garden Club

2892 Loretto Road, Jacksonville, FL 32223

*Join us for the Annual
Treasure Coast Home Show
and the
Martin County Orchid Society
Orchid Show & Sale*

Orchid Safari

Martin County Fairgrounds
Friday, March 4th – Noon to 5 pm
Sat. & Sun. March 5th & 6th – 9 am to 4 pm

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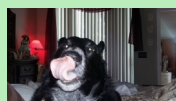
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The Society meets on the 3rd
Saturday of each month, at 1pm,
at the Spring Hill VFW Post 8681
18940 Drayton St.
at County Line Rd

Enjoy great speakers, fantastic
raffle prizes and beautiful orchids
on display.

www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com

Quiz answers:

- 1) C. Maxillaria tenuifolia
- 2) B. Oncidium Sharry Baby
- 3) D. Thelymitra antennifera
- 4) A. Encyclia Prostecchia radiata
- 5) D. Satrium panifum