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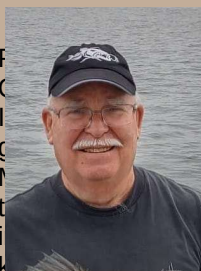
Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 20, 2023 doors open at 11 AM featuring Matt Riesz repotting workshop. Details on page 4. Members may sell plants at this meeting

Northcliffe Baptist Church

10515 Northcliffe Blvd

Spring Hill, Florida 34608

President's Message



Page – May, 2023

Come one!

I missed our April meeting. I hope everyone enjoyed Bill Nunez's talk on orchids.

and your repotting efforts should be in full swing. This is a good time of year for repotting orchids that need it, since they will have plenty of time to get established as they go through their most active growing season. Please remember to have a division in mind as you repot, and save a division for our auction. That auction is coming up on August, this year, which is a bit earlier than we've held it in the past. I've already repotted a few of mine that were outgrowing their pots and my growing space, and made a few divisions. But I have many more to go.

Speaking of repotting orchids, our next meeting on May 20th will feature a workshop on repotting. Further details can be found in a separate article in this newsletter. Come to the meeting and bring a plant you need to repot, or participate with someone else who is repotting one. This should be a great learning experience.

We will also vote on our new club officers at this meeting. The slate is as follows:

President – Matt Riesz

1st Vice President – Bob East

2nd Vice President – Bella Roberts

Treasurer – Herbert May

Secretary – Cheryl Crilly

Best wishes for happy orchids!

Matt

EXECUTIVE BOARD

OFFICERS

<u>President</u>	Matt Riesz
<u>Past President</u>	Steve Mattana
<u>1st Vice President</u>	Bob East
<u>2nd Vice President</u>	Bella Roberts
<u>Treasurer</u>	Yvette Lewis
<u>Executive Secretary</u>	Cheryl Crilly
<u>Recording Secretary for meetings</u> (not an elected position)	Cheryl Crilly
<u>Trustees</u>	Rosanne Wenz Jeanne Montgomery

NCOS speaker schedule through December 2023

Updated as of 3/1/2023

Note: Dates *** are different from our normal 3rd Saturday schedule, as the facility is not available on our normal dates those months.

March 18th/19th – annual orchid show

April 15th – Bill Nunez – Vanilla orchids in FL

May 20th – repotting workshop

*** June

24th – Ecuagenera/Dayanette

July 15th – Bret Ullery – Accent Orchids

August 19th – Auction

September 16th – Norman Fang (tentative)

*** October 14th - Picnic

November - TBD

December 16th - <Holiday Party>

EXECUTIVE BOARD

COMMITTEES

<u>Auction Chair</u>	Susan Kimmel
<u>Show Chair</u>	Bob East
<u>Bulletin (The Keiki)</u>	Julie Smolka
<u>E-mail Co-ordinator</u>	Matt Riesz
<u>Historian</u>	Susan Kimmel
<u>Membership</u>	Arlene and Arty Appelbaum
<u>Publicity</u>	Gertie Messenger
<u>Refreshment Table</u>	Elaine Erickson
<u>Refreshment Reminders</u>	Elaine Erickson
<u>Show Table Report</u>	Matt Riesz
<u>Speaker Segment Writer</u>	Volunteers please
<u>Trips</u>	Volunteers please
<u>Webmaster</u>	Bob East (Website set up by Ken Dunn)
<u>AOS Representative</u>	Matt Riesz



Membership Notes

by Arlene Appelbaum

April's general meeting included more than 40 members in attendance. Our roster now shows 99 paid and 12 honorary or life members. Our May meeting will be held on May 20th. I hope to see you there.

Arlene Appelbaum
Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Yvette Lewis

Current Report as of 04/30/2023

Prior bal. as of 3/31/2023: \$15,480.26

Total receipts (raffle, etc.): \$131.00

Total disbursements: \$961.62

Bank bal. as of 3/31/2023: \$14,649.64

Outstanding Checks: \$328.74

Cash On Hand 3/31/2023: \$14,320.90

MEMBERS:

Arlene has graciously taken over well cards and sympathy cards to you know of any members who are please send her an email to let h

fluffy2cats@gmail.com

THANK YOU!



NCOS Repotting Worksop, May 2023

We'll be conducting a repotting clinic on Saturday, May 20th at our usual meeting place. Matt Riesz and some of our other experienced growers will be demonstrating and helping you to learn how to repot your orchids. This is something that always scares us, but it's necessary and far less difficult than it seems. Your orchids will thank you!

The club will provide some standard media for potting orchids. It's Hicks' standard mix, with bark and other components in a mixture that works well for many types of orchids. We'll pre-soak it so it will be ready to use. We will also have Allan and Sonya Evans from Garden Trails Orchid Supplies, who will have a selection of pots, media and other repotting necessities available for purchase.

What YOU need to bring:

- An orchid that needs repotting, preferably something not too huge so that we can finish in the time available.

- A suitable pot or pots, or a suitable mount such as cedar, cork, or tree fern.

- Media for repotting, if you have something special you want to use such as your own mix, or sphagnum moss. Make sure you soak it, if necessary.

- One or more dish pans or similar, to contain your plant and its old medium, etc. I suggest something about 14 X 20 inches.

- A sterile cutting instrument – scissors, or single-use razorblades for example.

- Tags and a No.2 pencil for writing on them.

- Stakes, pot clips, twist-ties to help stabilize your orchid in its new home.

- A plastic sheet such as a drop cloth, to catch any bits that spill off the tables. We need to keep our meeting area clean!

- Old newspapers – these are helpful to catch the debris and easy to dispose of afterwards.

Matt will demonstrate, using one of his own plants, and you can follow along with him as he repots and perhaps divides it.

NCOS Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2023
Northcliff Baptist Church

The meeting was called to order by 1st V.P. Bob East at 12:02 p.m. as President Matt Riesz was unable to attend the meeting.

Members were advised that our annual Show and Sale went very well and we cleared over \$400.00. Bob indicated that he was working on getting another venue for next year. At the meeting for next month Matt will be doing a repotting clinic.

Bob also indicated that one person from each table to see Marita as all tables need to be wiped down and cleaned. This needs to be done after every meeting. Marita has the cleaning supplies. We are also in need of someone to be the Treasurer Assistant and if interested please let Marita know. For our upcoming Auction Laura Newton is going to be out Auctioneer.

We now have 108 paid Members and a total of 120 with the Honorary Members and Lifetime Members.

Meetings now start at 12:00 noon and the doors open at 11:00 a.m.

The June meeting will be on the 24th. Dayanette from Ecuagenera will be our Guest Speaker. Jeff Rundell indicated that Steve Mattana has been sick and needs someone to be the Administrator of our Facebook page. If anyone is interested please see Jeff or contact Steve. Jeff Rundell and Bill Nunez discussed the Bloom Table full of Member's plants.

Our Guest Speake Bill Nunez discussed growing Vanilla Orchids. He talked about the culture, history, where grown, commerical harvest, planting, diseases, flowering, habitat, flower structure and the many different ways vanilla are produced, manual pollination, harvesting uses for vanilla, the different species and the Florida species of vanilla.

Barbara Brown won the Member raffle drawing.

The winning raffle tickets were drawn.

Meeting was adjoured at 1:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by -

Cheryl Crilly - Secretary

NCOS Show Table April 15th, 2023

Plant Name	Grower
Dendrobium loddigesii	Jeff Rundell
Cattleya luteola	Jeff Rundell
Vanda Cherry Blossom	Jeff Rundell
Encyclia tampensis	Jeff Rundell
Encyclia leucantha	Jeff Rundell
Oncidium sphacelatum	Randy Dugan
Cattleya Landate 'Charm'	Bella Roberts
Polystachya paniculata	Julie Smolka
Phal. Jiuhbao Red Rose 'Splash Rose'	Bella Roberts
Phal. Sogo Vivien 'Leaf Edge'	Bella Roberts

Article from Lady Vanda Orchids

Thanks for allowing us to share with our society



SHADE VS. SUNLIGHT

Perhaps the second most important topic is 'How much Sun or shade does my Vanda need?' This is dependent on which type of Vanda you are asking about. If you purchased a Vanda from us it was more than likely a strap leaf Vanda as these are what we specialize in. Strap leaf Vanda's can be grown in full sun but need to be acclimated slowly. While we do have some plants from our personal collection in full sun, our sale collection is grown in a shade house with ~60% shade screen. We recommend that when you receive your Vanda you try to maintain this shade level, but Vanda's can also be hung under a roof cover or from large trees. As long as the Vanda does not get full sun from at the hottest part of the day, and ideally gets full sun in the early morning (7am-12pm) it should thrive. Sunlight provides a means of 'eating food' for the Vanda and if you fertilize (feed) the plant but cannot provide a way to absorb that energy, i.e. sunlight and chlorophyll production, your plant will not grow optimally and may actually suffer in the long term. We keep most of our personal collection under a covered deck and have 50% shade screen on the northwestern facing side to provide some light filtering from the mid-afternoon sun. This method has worked well for all of our orchids, from Vanda's to Phalaenopsis, Cattleya and Oncidium. It should be noted that as the seasons change so do the patterns of the sun in reference to your property. A position that may work in the winter season may not work for summer. I have seen people cook their Orchids because they have not noticed the change in exposure to sunlight.

FERTILIZERS

Google 'Orchid Fertilizer', How many options come up in the shopping tab? Are you overwhelmed? Confused? Do you want to use liquid or powder fertilizers? Tie a little a bag of osmocote pellets to the basket? Fertilizing orchids is just as personal a topic as asking someone what their favorite orchid is. Once a person finds something that works for them, they do not want to deviate from the proven method. There is absolutely nothing wrong with this, but do not be afraid to experiment with different brands and N-P-K (nitrogen- phosphorous- potassium) values. Most fertilizer labels call to use once per month at a specific rate. However in almost all cases it is better to fertilize at lower doses more frequently so that your orchid is getting consistent 'meals' at all stages of its growth cycle. Unlike some orchids, Vandas are usually in consistent growth cycle and will show blooms, root growth and leaf growth simultaneously. All of this takes enormous energy from the plant to maintain, so consistent feeding improves the process. Our fertilizer of choice is Dynagro 'Grow' (7-9-5). We feed Grow weekly at a rate of 1 teaspoons per gallon. We use RO water in our irrigation system however, collected rainwater and even tap water with a TDS lower than 250 can be used as well. We fill our sprayers with RO water add our fertilizer and then balance the pH to ~6.0 before applying to the plants. Most people can get away with using tap water and a generic orchid fertilizer and their plants do just fine. But why accept just fine when you can achieve "Oh wow!"

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 Register now and view on your time schedule.
 Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org
 Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and indexed by topic for future viewing.

When	May 11, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Thursday	May 16, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Tuesday	June 08, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Thursday	June 15, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Thursday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by May 09</i>	He Came from the Land Down-Under Orchids Australia	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by June 06</i>	Dendrobiums of New Guinea Colorful Clusters for your Collection
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Tom Mirenda AOS Orchids Monthly Columnist, Professional Grower	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Carol Klonowski AOS Editorial Board Member and AOS Judge

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