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# THE KEIKI



As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to burden our nation and the world, we have decided to cancel not only our May meeting, but the June meeting as well. That also included board meetings in May and June. Elections and other society business will be postponed until we can begin regular meetings again.

We hope you are all staying safe and healthy, and that your orchids are making your days brighter. Please post some pictures on our Nature Coast Orchid Society Facebook group for all of us to enjoy! The pictures in this newsletter are gleaned from the many beautiful ones there. We hope you all enjoy them.

## Members, WE NEED YOU!

Your editors, Julie Smolka and Matt Riesz, are in need of articles, or other items of interest in the world of orchids, for our newsletter. We try very hard to keep it interesting and informative at many levels, and we thank those who have contributed in the past. A writeup on how you grow your orchids (with pictures!) is a great example of what your other society members would love to see. If you can contribute something please contact Matt or Julie. It doesn't have to be fancy!

Thank You !

## CALENDAR OF SPEAKERS/EVENTS FOR NATURE COAST ORCHID SOCIETY FOR 2020

June 20th—Glenn Gross **(CANCELLED)**

July 18th—Accent Orchids

August—AOS Seminar?

September—AOS Seminar?

October—Annual NCOS Auction

November—Annual picnic

December—holiday party

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**OFFICERS**

<b><u>President</u></b>	Steve Mattana
<b><u>Past President</u></b>	Jeff Rundell
<b><u>1st Vice President</u></b>	Geary Harris
<b><u>2nd Vice President</u></b>	Celeste Ogden
<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>	Pat Baig
<b><u>Executive Secretary</u></b>	Pat Dupke
<b><u>Advisory Capacity</u></b>	Helen Battistrada
<b><u>Recording Secretary for meetings</u></b> (not an elected position)	Kara Ramsey

**COMMITTEES**

<b><u>Bulletin (The Keiki)</u></b>	Matt Riesz and Julie Smolka
<b><u>E-mail Co-ordinator</u></b>	Tim Smith
<b><u>Historian</u></b>	Mary Lou Mattana
<b><u>Librarian</u></b>	Celeste Ogden
<b><u>Membership</u></b>	Arlene Appelbaum, Carol VanderLaan
<b><u>Publicity</u></b>	Mary Lou Mattana
<b><u>Refreshment Table</u></b>	<b>Volunteers please</b>
<b><u>Refreshment Reminders</u></b>	Mary Lou Mattana
<b><u>Show Table Report</u></b>	Matt Riesz
<b><u>Speaker Segment Writer</u></b>	Kara Ramsey
<b><u>Trips</u></b>	Sonia Terrelonge
<b><u>Webmaster</u></b> (Website set up by Ken Dunn)	Bob East
<b><u>AOS Representative</u></b>	Matt Riesz

**Activities that are low risk  
of contracting Covid19**

- Watering your orchids
- Fertilising your orchids
- Repotting your orchids
- Talking to your orchids
- Looking at orchids online
- Buying orchids online
- Weeding your orchids
- Having a coffee with your orchids
- Enjoying the sun with your orchids
- Exercising around your orchids
- Pruning your orchids

**Looks like having orchids  
is the best prevention**

**Happy gardening 😊**



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

By Pat Baig

Ending balance as of today is \$10,376.08. All refunds have been sent to all vendors and cashed.

The VFW sent the \$1,400 refund and it has been deposited. They still have a \$300 check for the next two available dates for our general meeting.

Storage space has been paid for June and July 2020.



## President's Message

Good day everyone

It certainly has been a while since we've seen each other. Hopefully, and again I stress hopefully, we are planning a July board and society meeting! I know everyone's looking forward to getting together once again. I will have more information for you all in a couple of weeks. Just waiting for the VFW to receive their guidelines from the CDC. Once I have that information, I will send out a mass mailing to everyone to confirm a July meeting. Again, nothing is set in stone. But I'll keep you informed as things progress. If we do have a meeting in July, we will have to practice social distancing. I don't think that'll be a problem. The room has a capacity of 300 people we have a group of about 120. So, I think we should be fine in that general area. The refreshment area will probably not be set up, everyone should bring their own snack and beverage, at least just for July. If we have to wear face masks, so be it. So, you should see an email giving you more details about our July meeting and if we do have a guest speaker or not. I am trying to get somebody up here for us in July. We did miss opportunities to do our spring show and our elections. The board is discussing board changes. There might still be board opportunities available, so please keep in touch with me regarding your desire to serve.

Thank you and hope to see everyone real soon!

Steve

## Attention, Members, WE NEED YOU!!!

Our society depends upon volunteers for everything we do. In particular, we need officers: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President (who coordinates our speakers), Treasurer and Secretary. Without these officers we CANNOT CONTINUE TO EXIST! Our current slate of officers have been in their positions for two years, having volunteered to continue for a second year. But this year we must elect NEW OFFICERS. The jobs of each officer are not a huge burden, and they're a great way to get to know people. Please, please, please consider volunteering for one of these board positions, as well as several other committee positions.



### Membership Notes for March

As uncertain as these times are for all of us now, hopefully all of our orchids are thriving due to the abundant care and attention they must all be receiving. So even sheltering at home has its rewards.

Our society currently boasts a membership of 128 orchids lovers.

Please be well and stay safe.

Arlene Appelbaum

#### Does this sound familiar?

“Help me!! My Vanda is a total wreck! What do I do? Do I cut roots? Cut spikes? “

#### The answer (from Steve Mattana—thanks, Steve!)

Um no! If the plant has viable roots and the top looks healthy. Hang it at an angle, almost horizontal. That could, and sometimes does, induce a keiki to sprout on the bare stem. Next ...daily care with 2-3 times a Day drenching the plant with low concentration seaweed supplement such as Kelpmax. Now on to weekly.... fertilizer and seaweed.

While it is recovering, keep the plant in lower light than it would normally want. What you are doing other than helping the plant to recover is hopefully forming a keiki sprout.

#### 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](mailto:fluffy2cats@gmail.com)

THANK YOU!



## NCOS QUIZ

*Answers on last page*

### 1. *Den. Anceps* flowers

- A. *Spring*
- B. *Summer to fall*
- C. *Winter*
- D. *Never*

### 2. *Den anceps* is known for its beautiful foliage as well as its flowers

*True or False*

### 3. When *Den. Anceps* blooms the flowers last

- A. *About a month*
- B. *One day*
- C. *A couple of weeks*
- D. *They just never bloom*

### 4. *Den anceps*

- A. *Are warm-growing*
- B. *Require partial shade*
- C. *Can be mounted*
- D. *All of the above*



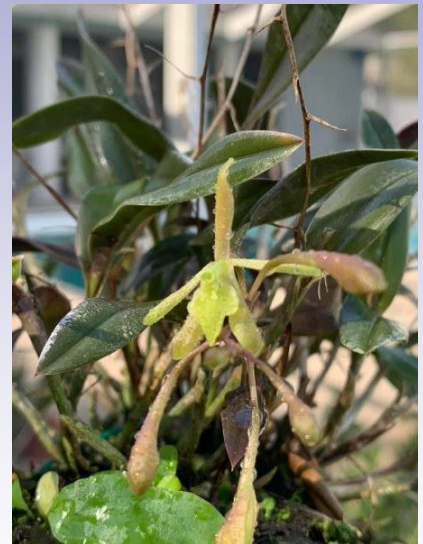
Thanks to Diane Hardy-Musser, Steve Mattana and Matt Riesz for these pictures, borrowed from the Nature Coast Orchid Society page on Facebook. Think of this page as our show table while we deal with COVID-19, and please post some pictures of your beauties there for all of us to enjoy!



Encyclia tampensis—Diane Hardy-Musser



Rhyncolaelia digbyana 'Alpha' AM/AOS—Matt Riesz



Epidendrum magnoliae—Steve Mattana



Schoenorchis fragrans—Steve Mattana



Schoenorchis fragrans—Steve Mattana



Trigonidium egertonianum—Matt Riesz



Vanda Fiftieth State Beauty—Matt Riesz

## AOS CULTURE CONNECTION

**CULTIVATE:** to grow in a prepared medium

Visit the AOS website for a **Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care**

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/may-june-checklist.aspx>

### June: The Aromatic Month

#### Letting the Nose Do the Shopping When Searching for New Orchids

By Thomas Mirenda

A VERITABLE FEAST FOR THE SENSES, June — of “busting out all over” fame — is a great time for your orchid collection. Although there may not be scads of plants in bloom, there is tremendous activity. Personally, I find the new growths of orchids almost as exciting as the flowers. Many of the orchids that bloom in the upcoming summer heat are also among the most fragrant. Some, such as brassias, brassavolas and stanhopeas, smell delicious. Others, such as average bulbophyllums, could drive you out of the greenhouse on a hot summer day. My *Bulbophyllum echinolabium* attracts myriad flies with its fetid aroma. I tend to leave it outside where I can get away from the odor if it gets too strong. When I do, it usually comes back inside in the autumn with a capsule or two. With its 1-foot- (30-cm-) long flower, it’s far too cool an orchid to reject for a minor flaw such as foul fragrance. Besides, it’s great fun to let unsuspecting friends take a whiff.

LET ME OUT June is when you can safely put most of your orchids outside for the summer. The fresh, naturally moving air, rainwater and excellent dappled light under backyard trees make for superb growing conditions. Cooped up all winter, many orchids grow by leaps and bounds when moved outside. For best results, look for a spot where there is air movement, bright but semishaded conditions, or a spot with early morning sun and shade in the afternoon. Some types, such as cattleyas, vandas and cymbidiums, need more light than others, such as miltonias, psychopsis and most maxillarias, so multiple sites may be necessary to meet the requirements of orchids in a mixed collection. By observing your plants you can make informed decisions on where they should go for the summer.

ROYALTY BEWARE Water and debris falling into the crowns of phalaenopsis outdoors can cause various types of fungal and bacterial rot, so many growers choose to leave these plants inside. But as long as the plants are covered to protect them from excessive rain and falling leaves, they usually do well with the natural day and night temperatures offered by the back-

yard habitat. Mounted plants often increase exponentially when offered rainwater and fresh air. When mounting phalaenopsis, position the plants so the crown and leaves point down to prevent water and leaves from gathering.

**LIQUIDITY** Aside from keeping money in your portfolio, this month it's important to keep up with watering. Not only are plants growing quickly and needing copious moisture and fertilizer, but with newly repotted plants, fresh mix may take some time to be infused with moisture. Although most people soak their mix overnight before repotting to avoid potting desiccation stresses, the mix is still easily dried out. One must be aware that these newly repotted plants should receive extra attention in the form of careful observation, watering, and high humidity until they're fully established later in the summer.

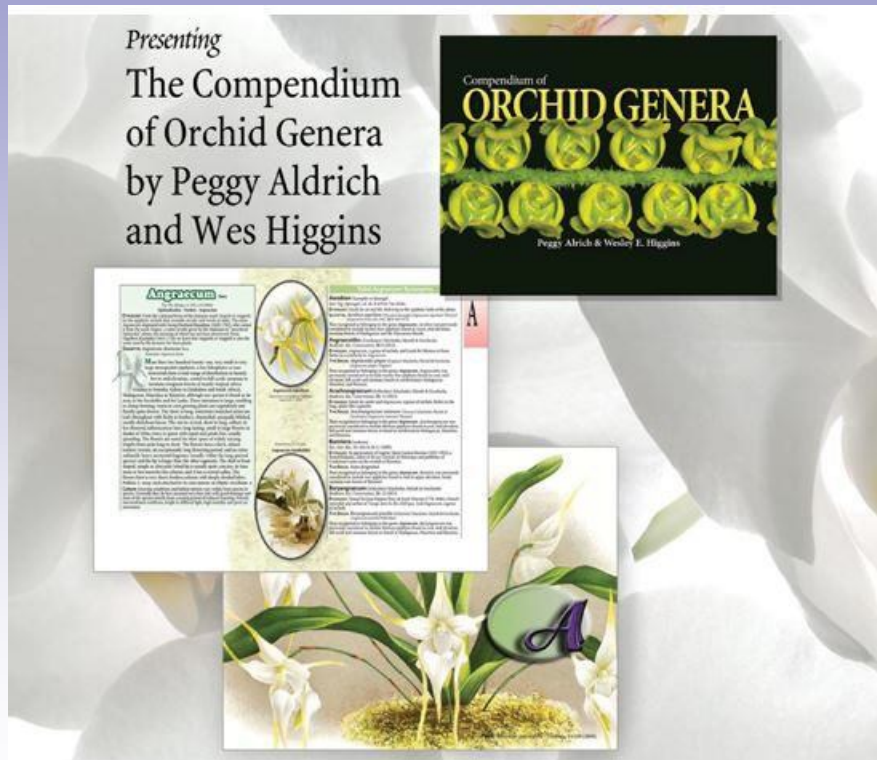
**GOT POTS?** The longer days and warmer temperatures, especially those experienced by plants set outside, have shifted orchid metabolisms into overdrive. Take advantage of this surge of growth and establish plants into fresh mixes. It is a great time to take divisions. Your orchids will likely put out another growth to replace anything you remove. Removing old, gnarly backbulbs is advisable. These needn't go in the trash. Often your local orchid society has someone who'll nurse these backbulbs and divisions into saleable plants that might turn up at a future charity auction or plant sale. It's okay to share the wealth with new orchid growers. At times such as these, we want to encourage more people to get into the hobby. I know when I started, the gift of a division from an experienced grower was treasured and kept me engaged and involved (and indebted) to mentors in my society.

**INTO THE FIELD** Now is the prime time to see many wild orchids that may be growing near you. Get a field guide, grab the kids or your dog, or hook up with friends and step outside. There are marvels nearby waiting to be discovered in their native habitats. Nothing could be better for your psyche and soul than to hike in a natural area and find wild hidden orchid treasures. Now's the time to explore for native orchids. I encourage you to get out there.

*(As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 79, NO.6, June 2010)*



## NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE 50% Discount for AOS Members!



Original orchid color plates abound in this distinctive Orchid Encyclopedia by Peggy Alrich and Wes Higgins, a marvelous and artistic creation in landscape format of 500 pages.

Original orchid discoverer and date are listed as well as the Etymology and Generitype of more than 2000 orchids along with a easy to read description of growth habits, countries and regions within countries of origin. The plants and flowers are aptly discussed and the authors give colors and varieties found in various areas of note. Sepals and petals along with special features of lips complete the beautifully described notes. Of note in the book are the synonyms the orchids have had over the years, and those that were, and are, invalid even today. A modern twist to the encyclopedia features a general culture description, which helps even a veteran grower understand some of the nuances of the particular plants being discussed. What is absolutely beautiful is the collection of artwork of each of the plants done in color plates, many by the original artist or from an original collection and dated. Many of the drawings illustrate entire flowers, with all their separated parts. This book would be a welcome and beautiful addition to any orchid grower's collection, a stunning work and artistic treasure.

Order through the **AOS SHOP**. AOS members, please make sure you are signed on to the AOS website when placing your order to automatically receive the 50% discount.

<https://secure.aos.org/Products/366-a-compedium-of-orchid-genera.aspx>





## The American Orchid Society Webinars

**Free through the end of June!**

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.

### Upcoming Webinars

# Webinars-Coming Attractions!



<b>When</b>	<b>June 16, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>June 23, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>July 14, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>RECORDED</b> <b>WEBINARS</b> at your convenience
<b>Topic</b>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	How to Successfully Grow Coelogyne	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Culture, Judging, Pests and Diseases, Greenhouse Chats indexed by topic
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Charles Wilson</b> AOS Judge, Committee Member Education and Conservation	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	AOS Members, Judges, Concerned Conservationists, Scientists & More

Just click on: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx> and you can watch these videos at your convenience. Some webinars are reserved for AOS members only.

**Don't miss out! AOS Membership offers something for everyone !**

# YOUR ORCHID LIBRARY

By Celeste Ogden



<http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com/library-checkout-books.html>

How do I get a book from the Club's Library?

1. Just Click on: [www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com/library-alphabetical-list-books.html](http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com/library-alphabetical-list-books.html)
2. Select Books or CD's you think would be useful and order right on the web page.

Select any number(s) that you would like to spend some time with and then you can sign them out at the next Members' Meeting Keep them for 1 month and return them at the following meeting and remove your name from the list.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

Orchids for Tropical Gardens by: Dr. Chris K.H. Teo

Book # 300-018

Beautiful Orchids for the home and garden. This book tells you in simple, casual language how to grow them.....with 159 color illustrations. A must for all orchid lovers.

If you have any questions about our Library Books, my email address is:  
[c1948ogden@gmail.com](mailto:c1948ogden@gmail.com)

Here I am



**Nature Coast**  
Orchid Society

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](http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com)

## Answers to quiz

1. *B. Summer to fall*
2. *True*
3. *C. A couple of weeks*
4. *D. All of the above*