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Next Meeting

We will be meeting virtually. The url is in the email sent to you along with instructions.

November 11, 2020 7pm

Featured Event

The Genus *Catasetum* in Brazil
Presented by Francisco Miranda
of Miranda Orchids

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Well, we are rounding the corner heading to 2011. It sure has been a year of firsts for COS and everyone.

I do see COS continuing with virtual meeting at least through March of next year. We will be monitoring the situation regarding having a show or possibly an orchid sale in the spring. We do thank everyone for attending our virtual meetings and sending along picture for our show table so expertly narrated by Dave.

This month our speaker, Francisco Miranda, will be presenting all the way from Brazil via Florida. Please check out his web site Mirandaorchids.com. Francisco is offering a 10% discount, so treat yourself. The topic is Catasetums. Love them: little or no care needed from now until spring.

As you know it is also the time of year where we search for new talent-- you help direct the future of COS. As Dave (treasurer) and I president are retiring this year, to continue we need members to step up. As COVID has forced everyone to rethink our routine activities so do organizations need to be flexible and innovative. Throw your hat in the ring. Let's get creative to keep COS moving forward.

If you haven't responded, remember we have some very healthy phals that are free to a good home. One per member while supplies last.

Also, we have a blooming (2 spikes) very fragrant Oncidium. \$25.00 to brighten your holiday table (right).

We wish everyone a wonderful healthy Thanksgiving.

Cheryl



How to Attend a Virtual Meeting

Click on the link provided in the email. Make sure you are using Chrome, Safari, or Firefox. Do not use Internet Explorer. You are able to turn on and off your microphone, but you will not be able to use your camera. It eats up too much bandwidth and is distracting. If your computer does not have a microphone, you can call in using the phone number and code in the email. If you are not talking, please mute yourself. There will be a test run for everyone to test out the technology the night before, and all are encouraged to do so. Dates and times are in the email. Please do not share this link with nonmembers. Thank you!

HAVE IDEAS?

If you have ideas about the direction of the future of the society, please consider joining the board!



Upcoming AOS Webinars

All webinars from 8:30-9:30PM EST

Registration at www.aos.org

November 10: AOS Greenhouse Chat

Presenter Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, and accredited AOS judge, will hold a Q&A session on orchid culture. Advanced Registration (space is limited) required. The webinar is free for everyone.

AOS Webinars

AOS MEMBER-ONLY WEBINARS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE! We recognize these are challenging times. We're living through an unprecedented period in our history. In light of this, we're pleased to announce that we're making some of our most cherished member-only content (our member-only webinars) available for the general public through the end of May. Browse our entire webinar catalogue. Learn about orchids. Breathe. Reflect. We can and we will triumph over this terrible virus. We hope this small gesture can add color, beauty and education into your life. Let one of nature's largest families of flowering plants inspire you with its beauty and diversity.

Orchids in the News

Crane orchids in winter: read more [here](#).

October Meeting Minutes

Our meeting was originally intended to be an online seminar from the AOS, Ron McHaddon on plant diseases. We had some technical difficulties, so we wound up discussing methods for controlling plant diseases ourselves. It was noted that common names are not a reliable means of identification. When someone refers to the coconut orchid, we are only sure of its identity if we know it's *Maxillaria tenuifolia*. Diseases are notably difficult to identify. Cases of fungus spotting can look exactly like viral problems. Many people use systemic fungicides, which work well, but may not be labelled for use on orchids. Physan is commonly used for cleanliness, killing viral particles on pots and the environment and may be used to treat mild plant problems. Cinnamon, especially when fresh, is an effective fungicide. It can be mixed with Elmers glue and will adhere to the area in question to kill any fungus. It was also noted that, in cases of scale, Imidacloprid would be the most effective treatment. However, it is not now generally available. People have also used Orthene.

We asked members to bring in plants for the auction, but without much success. Everything sold was meant to be a donation. Dave and Rebecca worked on forms for submitting plants and sent them in an email to the members. We may have an online plant sale. We also are going to have a virtual Christmas party, and then the election of new officers. Particularly needed our new president and the new treasurer to give Dave and Cheryl a rest.

There were 10 plants on the show table. Notably, Tom Russell had an interesting species called *Cheloinstele maximae-reginae*, a cool grower with terete leaves and white flowers. Another unusual plant was *Angraecum scottianum*, with upward facing white flowers. This is an African species.

Habenaria rodocheila



October Virtual Show Table

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| <i>Angraecum scottianum</i> | T. Russell |
| <i>Brassavola nodosa</i> (‘Mas Mejor’ AM/AOS x ‘Susan Fuchs’ FCC/AOS) | D. Tognalli |
| <i>Bulbophyllum medusa</i> | C. Mizak |
| <i>Cattleya</i> Cariad’s Mini-Quinee ‘Angel Kiss’ | K. Kuziel |
| <i>Cattleya</i> Eximia var. <i>coerulea</i> ‘Sea God’ | D. Tognalli |
| <i>Chelonistele maximae-reginae</i> | T. Russell |
| <i>Dendrobium loddigesii</i> | S. Kennedy |
| <i>Epidendrum nocturnum</i> | C. Mizak |
| <i>Habenaria</i> Regnieri (<i>carnea</i> x <i>rodocheila</i>) | D. Tognalli |
| <i>Habenaria rodocheila</i> | D. Tognalli |

Dendrobium loddigesii* *Epidendrum nocturnum



***Cattleya Eximia* var. *coerulea* 'Sea God'**



***Habenaria* *Regnieri*
(*carnea* x *rodocheila*)**



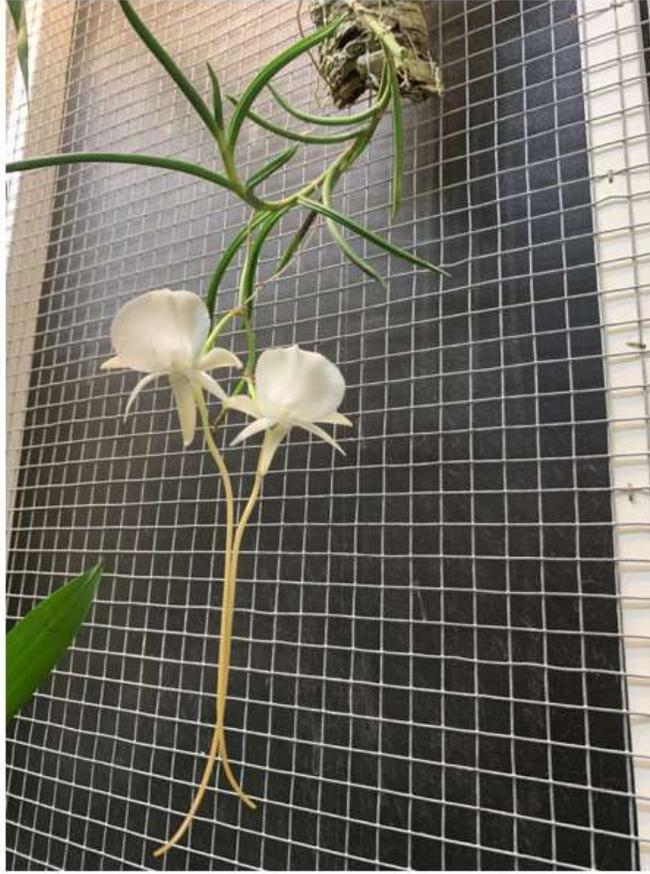
Bulbophyllum medusae



Brassavola nodosa **(‘Mas Mejor’ AM/AOS x ‘Susan Fuchs’ FCC/AOS)**



Angraecum scottianum



***Cattleya* Cariad's Mini-Quinee 'Angel Kiss'**



***Chelonistele
maximae-reginae***



Mentor List

The following COS members are available to answer your culture questions and help you with any orchid growing problems you may have.

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Rebecca Schwartz rebecca.r.schwartz@gmail.com
Vivarium growing methods, windowsill Cattleyas and species Phalaenopsis

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Membership is open to anyone interested in orchids. Members join the Society by payment of annual dues. Memberships may be individual, student, family, life, or honorary. Honorary membership is for life and is made by nomination of the Board of Directors and majority vote of the membership present at a regular meeting. Annual membership includes electronic delivery of the newsletter. The newsletter is published each month except July and August.

COS Membership Dues: \$20/yr. Individual \$25/yr. Family

\$200 Individual or \$250 Family Lifetime Membership (never pay dues again!) Visit www.ctorchids.org to apply for/renew membership. We accept Paypal.

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Connecticut Orchid Society Mission Statement

The Connecticut Orchid Society is an incorporated, non-profit association for the preservation and extension of knowledge concerning the conservation, ecology, science, cultivation, hybridization, appreciation and uses of orchids; and to carry on such activities as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate such purposes.