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Next Meeting

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

December 9, 2020 7pm

Featured Event

Holiday party!

President's Message

Hello everyone and Merry Christmas,

I trust everyone was able to enjoy a healthy Thanksgiving. As Christmas nears, we get to throw away the page on 2020 and move to brighter days.

The first step is the winter solstice on Dec 21. Yea, the days start to get a bit longer, the plants start to spike and bloom. Keep an eye out for those pesky insects that seem to sometimes wake up and cause problems.

I hope everyone dials in for our virtual Christmas party. Rebecca will be allowing us to see one another. You will have the option of turning your camera on. Make sure to wear your favorite Christmas sweater. No masks required –Yea!

Over the last few years, I have had the opportunity to serve as your president. We have done quite a few different functions and had a lot of fun admiring everyone's beautiful blooming orchids. This last year has shown how flexible we are. Rebecca stepped up and orchestrates our electronics. We are lucky to have her volunteer her tech talents. She helped us smoothly transition to on line meetings. Presently it does seem our meetings will be virtual thru the spring 2021.

Dave who so skillfully reviews the show table every month. What a broad knowledge of orchids!

As you know December is when we elect officers for the new year. Dave after several years is retiring as Treasurer. Welcome Suzie Spinelli, who has volunteered to accept. New Board member Mike Wicki will be helping guide the future.

As you are aware after many years I am retiring as president – COS has a vacancy. It is time for new leadership. I thank everyone for your support and willingness when called upon to volunteer to help with an event. Of course, I will be available to help.

See you on the 9th

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

December 16: Ghost Orchids of Florida and Cuba

January 7: 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](#).

November Meeting Minutes

We were not able to get good participation in our auction. We may sell plants to members online. There are three donated Phalaenopsis which are still free to interested members. Next month will be our virtual Christmas party. We are hoping for volunteers to be president and treasurer.

Our speaker was Francisco Marinda speaking on caddis items. These plants are dormant in winter, and have two kinds of flowers, both male and female. They grow in different regions of Brazil. Most of those available now are hybrids. And showing a map of Brazil, the mountain ranges are around the western side, and the tropical vegetation is largely on the east. The Atlantic Ocean gives the plants moisture along the coast. Of the ocean forest along the coast, about 5 to 6% is left, sadly.

The pseudobulbs are dormant during the winter, and in the spring a small growth emerges from the base of the newest pseudobulb. There is a wide variety of male flowers, although the females are all similar. Male flowers are pendant and the females are upright. Males are also more floriferous. Sometimes, male and female flowers occur on one spike. Columns on these flowers sport tiny antennae. When pollination occurs, the pollinia are ejected forcibly. Those species with your current and more equatorial climate sometimes sprouts and flower wants.

He showed species such as *Catasetum lanceatum*, which often are creamy white, but can vary in color. Female flowers are invariably helmet shaped and green. The related species *Clowesia* is hermaphroditic and lacks the antennae of the *Catasetums*. Some *catasetums*, such as *barbatum* and *tigrinum* are spotted, with thin flower parts. He talked about the *Campaninas*, small areas in the Amazon that have a white sand base and are dryer. Conversely, some areas where the plants occur are prone to flash floods and rainy seasons. *Catasetums* there prefer a wetter environment. Many of these plants grow on palm trees. Old leaf sheaths hold water and form a little pouch for the plant to grow in. When growing in our climate, long days may inhibit blooming. *Catasetum fimbriatum* is the most commonly found species in cultivation. Sadly there has been much environmental destruction to Brazilian habitats.

***Cattleanthe* Chocolate Drop x
Rhyncattleanthe Guess What**



Cattleya alaroi



November Virtual Show Table

<i>Amesiella monticola</i>	T. Russell
<i>Brassavola nodosa</i> (‘Mas Mejor’ AM/AOS x ‘Susan Fuchs’ FCC/AOS)	D. Tognalli
<i>Bulbophyllum</i> (Doris Dukes ‘Bill’s Best’ AM/AOS x <i>rothschildianum</i> ‘Crownpoint’ AM/AOS)	C. Mizak
<i>Bulbophyllum</i> Elizabeth Ann ‘Buckleberry’ FCC/AOS	C. Mizak
<i>Bulbophyllum</i> Rosy Sunset ‘F’	C. Mizak
<i>Cattleya alaorii</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya</i> Cariad’s Mini-Quinee ‘Angel Kiss’	K. Kuziel
<i>Cattleya</i> Circle of Life ‘Red Halo’ HCC/AOS	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya</i> Circle of Nine	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya</i> Enid coerulea ‘Blue Lou’	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya</i> Hardyana aurea ‘Clement Moore’	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya jenmanii</i> ‘L.R. Burzell’ AM/AOS	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya</i> Remar’s Joy	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya</i> (Sacramento Jewel x Minipet)	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleya trianae</i> ‘Full Moon’ HCC/AOS	G. McGeough
<i>Cattleya trianae</i>	A. Histen
<i>Ceologyne ovalis</i>	C. Mizak
<i>Coelogyne rochussenii</i>	A. Histen
<i>Laelia</i> Wellesley	T. Gregg
<i>Liparis condylobulbon</i>	A. Histen
<i>Liparis condylobulbon</i>	S. Kennedy
<i>Ludisia discolor</i>	S. Kennedy
<i>Octomeria crassifolia</i>	T. Gregg
<i>Oncidium coloratum</i>	T. Russell
<i>Paphiopedilum haynaldianum</i>	A. Histen
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> hybrid ig.	S. Kennedy
<i>Phragmipedium</i> Calurum	A. Histen

<i>Phragmipedium longifolium</i>	A. Histen
<i>Phragmipedium longifolium</i>	C. Mizak
<i>Pleurothallis secunda</i>	C. Mizak
<i>Restrepia brachypus</i>	R. Schwartz
<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Burana Beauty	M. Rampone
<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Chocoberry Fondue	M. Sabolcik
<i>Cattleanthe</i> Chocolate Drop x <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Guess What	M. Sabolcik
<i>Rhynchobrassoleya</i> Everything Nice 'Showtime' HCC/AOS	T. Russell
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Chia Lin	M. Sabolcik
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Memoria Crispin Rosales 'Volcano'	M. Rampone
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Moon Miss 'Lunar Dawn' HCC/AOS	C. Mizak
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Norman's Bay 'Royal Bride' AM/AOS	G. McGeough
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Taida Eagle Eye 'White Angel' FCC/AOS	G. McGeough
<i>Vanda coerulea</i>	M. Sabolcik
<i>Vanda</i> Kultana Gems	M. Sabolcik

Brassavola nodosa

('Mas Mejor' AM/AOS x 'Susan Fuchs' FCC/AOS)



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



***Cattleya jenmanii* 'L.R. Burzell' AM/AOS**



***Rlc.* Norman's Bay 'Royal Bride' AM/AOS**



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Pleurothallis secunda



Coelogyne ovalis



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FCC/AOS**



Phragmipedium longifolium



Paphiopedilum haynaldianum



Phragmipedium longifolium *Phragmipedium Calurum*



Cattleya trianae

Coelogyne rochussenii



Liparis condylobulbon

Liparis condylobulbon

Ludisia discolor



***Paphiopedilum* hybrid ig.**



Restrepia brachypus



Octomeria crassifolia



***Laelia* Wellesley**



Amesiella monticola



Oncidium coloratum



***Vanda Kultana* Gems**



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Rhyncholaeliocattleya Chia Lin



Rhyncattleanthe Chocoberry Fondue



Cattleya Remar's Joy



Vanda coerulea



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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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

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