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**There will be NO December meeting due
to the Holiday Party on Dec. 17 th
RSVP BY Dec 12th**

CSOS Holiday Party

Monday, December 17th 6:30pm
El Mariachi Restaurant
2153 N. University Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33067

Most "Unusual" Holiday Outfit Contest



Members free / Member's Guests \$25 each

RSVP by December 12th
to Rosemarie: realtorz@bellsouth.net

Member's Names attending: _____

Guest Names _____ \$ _____



Upcoming Events

Dec 17, 2018 CSOS HOLIDAY PARTY
Jan 28, 2019 Speaker Judy Bailey
Feb 25, 2019 Speaker Jason Downing, Million Orchid Project
Mar 18, 2019 Speaker Tom Kuligowski

OUR NOVEMBER SPEAKER - TONY MILLET

Tony's lecture was a fun but educational presentation filled with easy does it tips & demonstrations!

His life time experiences of growing from seed has led to his now orchid hybridizing program!

Tony breeds & grows "unusual" hybrid orchids in the large Cattleya alliance. He also performs all flasking activities, lectures as well as teaching. Tony is an AOS student judge & many of his hybrids have been AOS awarded!

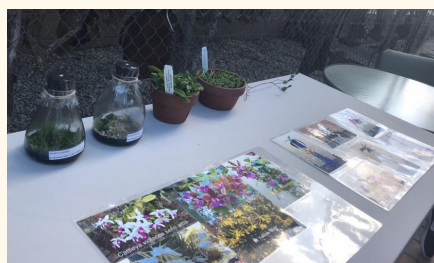
Tony's present growing goal is to impart warm tolerance to some of the cooler growing colorful "Hadrolaelia" orchids.



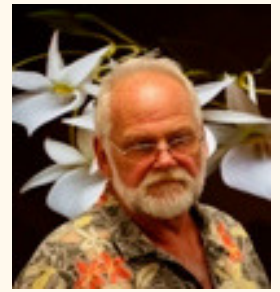
DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS THERE WILL BE NO RAMBLE IN DECEMBER

OUR NEW NOVEMBER RAMBLE WAS AT MICKEY'S ORCHIDS

The CSOS Members Ramblers were invited to Mickey's Orchids! Owned and operated by Mickey Carmichael & daughter Gale O'Connor, Mickey's Orchids has been in business in the downtown Fort Lauderdale area since 1962. Their collection contains over 10,000 orchids as well as select foliage plants!!



CSOS is excited that Tom Kuligowski will be submitting several articles for our monthly newsletter! Tom is an avid orchid grower specializing in angraecums. He is also an award-winning AOS WPB Judging Center photographer with over 45 years of experience.



December Holidays Bring Out the King of Angraecums!

Throughout the world, it is known as Darwin's orchid and the King of the Angraecums. Here in the northern hemisphere, it is also known as the Christmas orchid and the Star of Bethlehem orchid. *Angraecum sesquipedale* usually blooms during the holiday season; hence the references to that time of year. There is also *Angraecum sesquipedale* var. *angustifolium*, a smaller version being shorter than the 3.3 feet (1m) with thinner leaves and a slightly smaller flower.

Angcm.sesquipedale's natural habitat is located on the eastern shore of Madagascar in the southern hemisphere. It is seldom found at elevations higher than 500 feet and grows close to the eastern edge of the island. The area receives moisture just about year round and thrives when given that amount of moisture in culture. It receives bright light throughout the day and does extremely well under the same conditions in our collections. The leaves will burn if exposed to direct sunlight for a long period of time.

The first sign of an inflorescence starts in late September or early October. That inflorescence will take about three to four months to develop. When the buds themselves actually start to appear, they will develop quickly and once they break free of the protective sheath, usually develop quickly and open fully in less than two weeks. When talking about *Angcm. sesquipedale* during my presentation, I stress that when watering the plant not to let excess water sit in the leaf axils for any length of time. That moisture can find its way into to the stem and before you know it, the entire top half of the plant just falls over (stem rot). During our high temperature summers, that excess water can get to warm and over heat the plant. While the plants are starting to produce inflorescence, avoid allowing the water to come into contact to prevent the spikes from blasting. I prevent this from happening by watering just the medium and aerial root systems. I also make sure there is a regular cross breeze to help dry the excess water that may have reached the leaf axils.

I grow my *Angcm. sesquipedale* in very coarse medium. Allowing for fast drainage and ample room for root growth (in its natural habitat, the root systems while growing on trees can reach a length of several meters). While temperatures are over 80 degrees, they are watered every day. Every two or three days when temperatures drop into the 70s and even the 60s for a short period of time.

Treat the plants with a balanced fertilizer weekly and use alternating fungicides every thirty days (alternating the type of fungicide every three months). The more leaves the plant is able to produce, the more inflorescence will develop and produce more flowers.

In the northern hemisphere, whether it's nick name is the Christmas orchid, Star of Bethlehem orchid, Darwin's or just referred to as the King of Angraecums, *Angraecum sesquipedale* is a fantastic flower to have in bloom during the holidays for its pristine white flower and its spicy fragrance.



OUR NOVEMBER RIBBON WINNERS!



B.C Maikel (Louise) Cattleya Lavender
Sue Wuest



Oncidium Cross
Sandy Griffiths



Bulb Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry
Marissa Gittelman



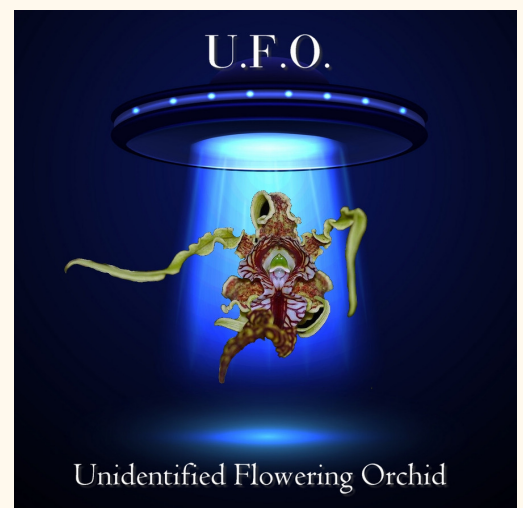
Brassavola Yellow Bird
Lou Bologno



V. Keydime x yellow spike Saphire
Sam Salvator Gold
Maija Nemati

THE "UFO" TABLE (UNIDENTIFIED FLOWERING ORCHIDS)

Don't forget our U.F.O. table to display your unidentified flowering orchids for judging. Winners will be awarded ribbons & possibly someone can identify your entry. UFO blue ribbon winners will appear on our website also.



CSOS is excited to have OLIVIER TURINA who will be writing several articles for our Society! Many of you already met Olivier at our October Ramble. Olivier specializes in Catasetums! Thank you for sharing your knowledge with our members!



SELECTING ORCHIDS by Olivier Turina

When you buy an orchid online, you are pretty much stuck with what you are being sent although good vendors will agree to exchange a plant if you have issues with what you received. Read the fine print before ordering!

After making one or two purchases from the same vendor, you pretty much know if you want to continue buying from that source or not. In my experience the majority of those orchid specialist are pretty honest & send you good plants but you should pay close attention and keep track of the source of each of your purchases to make an informed opinion for your future acquisitions.

When you go to an orchid show or to a local orchid vendor, you have an opportunity to select your own plant. What should you be looking for?

Personally I want flowering size plants and if you do too, you surely should not expect that is automatically the case. Unless you see clear evidence of previous spikes, you should inquire as to whether or not the plant is blooming size and if not, how long before it is expected to bloom. Then you can decide if you can live with that. Beware of the very small sized orchids that are super cheap as some might be years away from blooming! I still have a small Vanda that I bought 4 years ago and it is still not blooming!

Besides the maturity of the plant, it is good practice to look at every one of the identical plants offered to pick the best one. Personally I look at:

- Overall aspect of the plant.
- Obviously if one plant has one or two more bulbs or is larger than others, it should be your initial contender. Then you start investigating further
- If you get to choose between 2 actively blooming plants, you probably should go for the one that has the most unopened buds as you are likely to have more time to enjoy the blossoms. Obviously multiple spikes are usually better than just one.... If every thing else checks out.
- I look at the undersides of the leaves. Any sign of potential pests or disease should make you stay away. Ideally you want clean leaves. Also no leaves that look dissected or weak.
- I also look at the bulbs themselves (for those orchids who have conspicuous ones). Are they firm, plump with no blemishes?
- If possible at all, the root should also get your attention. Evidence of new roots with green tips is a good sign. The easiest are obviously the Vandas as their roots are usually fully exposed. You want:
 - o Many roots with green tips,
 - o Plump thick white roots,
 - o Large root balls

For Vandas, you can easily spot traces of past or current thrip infestation if you see brown rings on the roots. Those are usually (past) thrip damage. Thrips do not just go for the blooms; they also feed on the roots!

Some times there is a plant you really want but if it looks like it is not in good shape, you are just wasting money and are better off waiting for the next good opportunity to purchase a healthy one..... There are millions of orchids waiting to get your attention out there!

Welcome New Member!



CSOS would like to welcome the following new member Anwar Thompson. Lets all give hm a great big welcome!

Special "Shout Outs!"

December Birthday wishes go out to Lou Bologno, Sue Wuest, Rosemarie Zamosciany & Walter Damon! Have a great Birthday everyone!

Gell Well wishes go out to Ellen Donovan! We miss you. Get better soon!

If you know any member with a birthday/anniversary contact *Debbie Malloy*, yorkierambo@bellsouth.net to mention in the newsletter.

Our Raffle Table

At each of our monthly meetings we have a plant or orchid items on the raffle table set up so that our members can enjoy winning these items each month. It is a great way to add to your orchid collection while supporting our society!!



CHECK OUT OUR INFORMATION TABLE!

Be sure to stop by & visit our information table set up by Debbie & Bob Malloy. They will be able to answer any questions you might have! Check out all the latest flyers on events, upcoming speaker, member rambles & upcoming club activities! There is also a suggestion box as we love to hear from our members! Your comments/suggestions are very important to us!

Refreshment Table

Mary Ierubino & Nancy Celetti are our refreshment comittee. Steve is our coffee man! Dont forget - If any member would like to add to the enjoyment of the table by donating a refreshment or beverage, you will earn a free raffle ticket! (**Dont forget to sign the sheet at the table when you drop off your donation!**)



Sunshine Chairperson

If you know any member who may be ill, hospitalized, etc, please let Ellen Donovan know so she can get a card right out to them from our Society! ellro115@aol.com

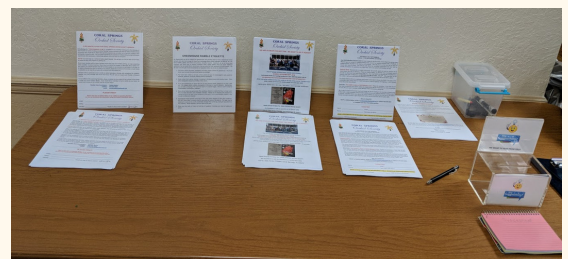
DID YOU KNOW??

YOU CAN EARN A FREE RAFFLE TICKET BY:

- 1) wearing your name badge at each meeting
- 2) donating a refreshment item
- 3) bringing in a new member

MEET OUR JUDGES!!


Meet Chris Binder & Jim Rogan who do an excellent job with judging our members entries each meeting.



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NOTE: Music has been added to our Sponsor Page! Your sponsorship will make it possible for us to expand our programming with more orchid related speakers as well as organize additional educational activities for the Society & the orchid community at large. Your advertisement will appear on our website through the newsletter, which is also distributed monthly to our members. **NEW! There is also a special section on our website where your business card will be displayed with the ability when one clicks on the business card it will direct you to your company's website!** You are also welcome to provide business cards or promotional material for display on our information table set up at each meeting!

If you would you like to advertise your business or services to our members and community for \$25 per year per business card, please contact RoseMarie, realtorz@bellsouth.net. or Debbie, yorkierambo@bellsouth.net



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The show features displays, exhibits and vendors displaying & selling their wares. Featuring Beautiful huge vendor exhibits, Local orchid society display tables, Raffles – win orchids! Orchid artwork, International plant vendors, Potting and growing supplies, American Orchid Society accredited judging, Hospitality table – stores plants, get help taking purchases to your car. Free parking

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Tamiami International Orchid Festival, January 11-13, 2019, 10am-6pm at Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center, Miami, FL

Ft Lauderdale Orchid Show, War Memorial, 800 NE 8th St., Ft Lauderdale FL, January 25-27, 2019, 10am - 6pm

Boca Raton Orchid Society Annual Valentines Show & Sale, 1798 Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL, February 9-10th, 2019, 10am-5pm.

Fairchild Gardens, 16th Annual International Orchid Festival, Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. Boca Raton, FL, March 8-10, 2019.

Bonnet House Orchid & Plant Festival, 900 N. Birch Rd, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33304, April 6th & 7th, 9am -4:00pm

Orchid & Bromeliad Show, Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL, April 20 & 21, 2019, 8:30am - 4:30pm.

Introducing the Maui Orchid Whisperer (on FaceBook)

I was introduced to the Maui Orchid Whisperer on Face Book. Ted & his daughter Alexis host a live orchid sale every Sunday at 5 pm EST. On Saturday they post a video of some of the plants coming up in the sale. I have bought a few of their orchids & price & the size of the orchid are very reasonable.

Check them out. (below is from their FaceBook page)

To all buyers of our live sales: here's the basic info you'll need!

- 1. Anyone in the United States can buy from us, you just need to watch our live sale and bid by commenting on the live feed with the corresponding code for the plant you wish to purchase (alternates will be contacted if first buyer falls through)**
- 2. Shipping to the lower 48 is \$25 per box. The box is 24" x 10" x 8" and three to five potted plants will fit in there (more if you bare root your plants) without the price changing.
If you buy during the live sale and want to fill the rest of your box, contact us directly for help with that. It may take a few days to fill up your box, so shipping may be delayed till later that week or till the next week, we do our best to get your order out in a timely matter!**
- 3. If you live on Maui, I will deliver any purchase of \$20 or more to your home or we will hold it at the greenhouse for pickup.**
- 4. We take credit cards and PayPal, if you want us to hold your order till after the next live sale, we may have you pay for the plants you have but we will absolutely hold them for you!**
- 5. Let us know if you would like your shipment delayed by Monday. We can hold shipments to accommodate weather, vacation, etc. Otherwise, all shipping will go out on Tuesday or Wednesday.**
- 6. Plants are guaranteed to arrive healthy, flowers and buds are not guaranteed but we haven't had a problem shipping budded or in flower plants.**
- 8. Culture sheets are in a photo album on our page, if you have questions or concerns, message us anytime!**

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