

CORAL SPRINGS ORCHID SOCIETY



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Happy New Year Orchid Lovers!

CSOS hopes you all had great Holidays & are prepared for an exciting new 2019 CSOS year! We already have several wonderful speakers lined up & future events in the works. Our Members Only Rambles continue on.

Attention! its time to renew your membership!

JUDY BAILEY WILL BE OUR FIRST SPEAKER OF THE YEAR!

Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM

Judy will have a visual presentation while speaking on orchid pests & diseases based on emailed pictures submitted by our very own members. What better way to bring your picture to the plant doctor!

This will be a fun & educational lecture. For those of you who attended our August meeting, Judy presented a "cyber ramble" for our members & we knew right then we wanted her back! See you the 28th

Upcoming Events

Jan 28, 2019 Speaker Judy Bailey

Feb 25, 2019 Speaker Jason Downing, Million Orchid Project

Mar 18, 2019 Speaker Tom Kuligowski

April 15, 2009 - Tom Romano

May 20, 2019 Installation of Officers

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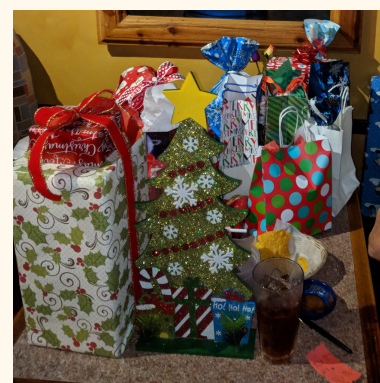
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Our Holiday Party, Dec. 17th at El Mariachi

Thank you everyone who made this years Holiday Party the best yet! We enjoyed grab bag fun, costume contest, great food & each member who attended received an orchid. Special thanks to our party committee, Rosemarie Z, Sue & Ken Wuest & Debbie Malloy. Thank you also to the Maui Orchid Whisper for the members orchids & Tropic Plants, Tamarac for the costume prize orchid.

We were also thrilled to have our web designer, Kit DeRoche attend (she traveled 2 hrs one way). Thank you Kit for all you do for us! Ken presented her with an orchid from the CSOS. Check out our Holiday Video on Facebook, YouTube & of course our website.



Kit DeRoche, Webmaster



Costume Contest



DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS THERE WAS NO RAMBLE IN DECEMBER

OUR JANUARY RAMBLE WILL BE HOSTED BY ANWAR THOMPSON

We have been invited to the home of Anwar Thompson on January 19th in Parkland. Anwar is a new member to CSOS. He has been avid orchid grower for many years with his favorite being vandas. We welcome Anwar as a new member & look forward to seeing his beautiful orchid collections.

DON'T FORGET ! THE "UFO" TABLE! (UNIDENTIFIED FLOWERING ORCHIDS)

Our U.F.O. table is 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 PROUDLY SUPPORTS THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



Starting this month, there will be a donation box set up by the information table to drop in any donations for the HSBC. The box will be set up at each monthly meeting for anyone who would like to donate such items as cat & dog food dry or canned/cat litter /blankets /towels /collars /leashes etc will be greatly appreciated..

I will deliver all donations each month to the Humane Society of Broward County as "Donations on behalf of the Coral Springs Orchid Society". I hope you will join me with support of this great cause. Thank you & I know the animals thank you too. Debbie Malloy/events

SPECIAL NOTICE FROM HSBC - JUST ANNOUNCED

The Humane Society of Broward County to Offer Pet Food & Assistance to Family Pets Affected by Government Shutdown. The shut down has effected so many families living pay check to pay check. Having to buy food for their pets can be a financial burden so HSBC has set up a temporary food pantry which will be open in the Humane Society of Broward County's Animal Admissions building during normal business hours, which are 8:00 am-6:30 pm (Monday – Saturday) and 8:00 am-5:00 pm (Sunday). A valid form of government identification must be presented at the time of service.

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!



CATASETUMS by Olivier Turina

Catasetums are sometimes hard to find when you live in South Florida because they are dormant in the Winter & early Spring when we have most of our orchid shows. So you will have a hard time finding them at our South Florida shows. The one at the Bonnet House in early December (now held in April this year) is the most likely to carry catasetums. There are obviously other ways to get them!

Catasetum species are found in Central and South America and they are a must in your collection as they offer beautiful and original shapes, colors and fragrances. Some flowers like *Ctsm. pileatum* and *Cyc. chlorochilon* have huge fragrant flowers. They also bloom in the Summer and early Fall when most other orchids are not in bloom. So you extend your own blooming season/pleasures with these orchids. They also have beautiful foliage in season and you get a rest with zero needed care for 2 to 4 months a year! They are also very forgiving of cultural mistakes giving you opportunities to redeem yourself.

They are actually very easy to grow once you understand their lifecycle. All you have to do is observe them and they will tell you exactly what they need.

Here is their typical yearly life cycle:

- In its dormant stage, a catasetum has no leaves & the old bulbs are bare. At that time, you do NOT WATER AT ALL (unless there is only one bulb which is extremely shriveled). The bulbs are filled with water and are there to ensure survival during dormancy.
- As soon as a new shoot appears, HOLD OFF on watering until the shoot and the roots are 3 to 5" long!!! New shoots are extremely sensitive to rot and refraining from watering also forces the plant to grow more roots which will lead to stronger bulbs and hopefully more flowers. If you need to repot, now is the time, right when the new shoot appears and has no roots yet.
- When the shoots and roots are 3 to 5" long, it is monsoon time!!! You keep them wet at all times & fertilize regularly. The bulbs are then growing incredibly fast and turn into beautiful geysers of green. Most flowers only appear when the bulb is mature but some smaller catasetums & *Ctsm. tenebrosum* tend to grow flowers while the bulbs are still growing.
- When the leaves start yellowing or die, it is time to reduce watering and fertilizing. When all the leaves are gone, the plant is back to dormancy and you start the cycle all over again.

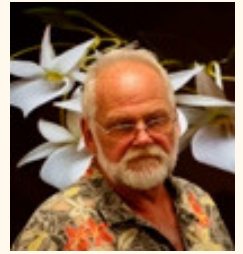
Please note that in general, dormancy is in the winter, new shoots early Spring & you water like crazy in late Spring and Summer and start reducing water in the Fall. Those are just indications though. All you have to do is observe the plant and treat it according to what I described above. Some have very short dormancies while others can stay dormant for 4 months!

While dormant, in my experience the best location is under an overhang where no water reaches the plant butplenty of light is better. Catasetums require high light in general, more than cattleyas but less than vandas although they will take full sun. Too much light though risks producing more female flowers which are not desirable (see next article).

The ideal medium is sphagnum moss for catasetums but bark and inert material is preferable for cycnoches and mormodes who are more susceptible to rot.

NEXT MONTH WE WILL TALK ABOUT THE VARIOUS GENERA IN THE CATASETUM FAMILY.

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.



FYI: Patience, Mother Nature and Her Variables!

Patience, an attribute you must endure while waiting on Mother Nature. With patience, we as orchid hobbyists eventually learn to grow and bloom magnificent specimens. Flowers that we show off at our monthly society meetings, hoping for a ribbon and occasionally taking a plant to one of the American Orchid Society (AOS) judging centers for a higher accolade being an AOS award.

It is only a matter of time before a hobbyist sees a plant they can't live without. Adding said plant to their collection and hoping for a season of phenomenal blooms. When putting oneself in that position, be sure to do the research on the plant's specific requirements. All too often, so many hobbyists will attempt to grow/bloom something that may not do well in their climate. Or they may not have enough knowledge and understanding of the plant's needs (do your research).

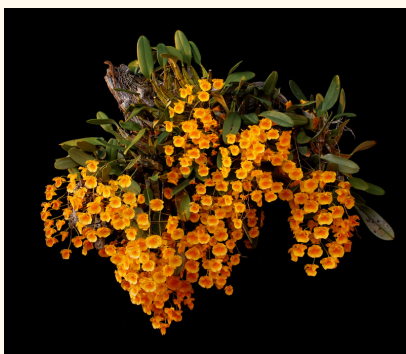
Regarding patience, we all want our newly acquired plants to grow and bloom into beautiful specimens. Some may turn into that specimen in two or three years while others may take two or three years longer. Understanding this will most likely keep us from pulling our hair out of our heads

Every aspect of growing orchids has a variable; parameters in the requirements of the plant's culture. Meet those requirements and we are graced with the results we seek. How is the plant potted and with what medium or is the plant mounted and to what type of material.

Water plays an extremely important part in the plant's culture. It is the moisture the plant requires and the delivery system of nutrients as well as systemic fungicides and pesticides protecting the plant; but is that water from a well, from a city water line or reverse-osmosis water. Using water from a city line contains various chemicals that can build up in the plant and the medium the plant is growing in. It is a good practice to flush the plant's root system with RO water or rain water whenever possible. This process washes away amounts of the salts and residues left behind by city water. You must also think about the amount of water required and when the water should be administered.

Light should be monitored with the plant being placed in an area that is conducive to that individual plant's culture. Reading culture sheets for example will give you a parameter or a range of light that the plant will require. Last but not least, a constant air movement is vital to help dry the plant after watering and helps prevent the onset of various diseases.

As we gain experience, the quality of the orchids we grow should improve. Taking the time and doing research will save time, money and the mortality rate of our plants. Please keep in mind, what works for one person may not for another. Use suggestions and other's ideas as starting points. Happy growing!



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*

Special "Shout Outs!"

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



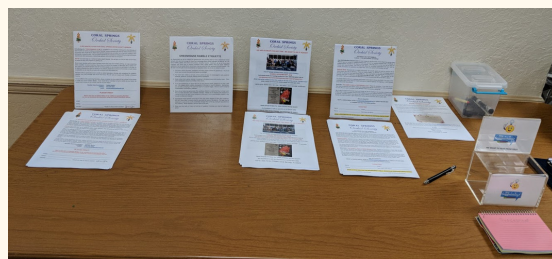
Our Raffle Table

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 speakers, 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!



Mary Ierubino & Nancy Celetti are our refreshment committee. Steve is our coffee man! Don't 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! **(Don't 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!
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Meet Chris Binder & Jim Rogan who do an excellent job with judging our members entries each meeting.



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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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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, 2019 - 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. 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. 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!
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Culture sheets are in a photo album on our page, if you have questions or concerns, message us anytime!

ALSO YOU MAY WANT TO CHECK OUT ON FACEBOOK

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We love to hear from our members!

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