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Hi Everyone,

I hope this Newsletter finds everyone Healthy and Happy, even with all of the challenges we have all been faced with. I can't believe it's been nine months since our last Orchid Meeting, as the year starts to wind down the pandemic continues to pose challenges for the society to get back together for any kind of event.

I have been in contact with the city of Coral Springs and all activities within the city are still on hold. Your board has been working on some other ideas for us to get back together, we will keep you posted.

In the meantime take care of those orchids and yourselves, can't wait till we meet again.
Ken Wuest



I would like to thank everyone for all your love and support while I battled Covid July & August. I cannot thank you enough for all the cards, food, gifts, messages & prayers. They certainly helped lift my spirits & made me fight even harder to win the covid battle. I am slowly getting back on my feet. My prayers go out to all who have had this dreaded virus & those who have lost loved ones. Be safe! Wear your masks! Thank you all again.
Debbie Malloy



**4th Annual Orchid & Plant Festival
at The Sawgrass Nature Center & Wildlife Hospital**



Browse through over 20 orchid, plant, and garden art vendors, enjoy delicious food and entertainment, and meet some of our wildlife friends at the 4th annual orchid and plant festival at the Sawgrass Nature Center!"

THIS YEAR, CORAL SPRINGS ORCHID SOCIETY HAS AGAIN BEEN INVITED TO HAVE AN INFORMATION BOOTH TO PROMOTE OUR SOCIETY AT THE SAWGRASS NATURE CENTER ORCHID SHOW! (masks required)

This is a great way to introduce our Society to all the visitors attending the show. We will have a free raffle to win a beautiful orchid. In addition we will have a few freebies to give away.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**Left are
volunteers
Debbie, Larry
& Steve**



Saturday, Dec 5th

9:30-12:30

12:30-3:00

3:00-4:30

**If you are able volunteer
a few hours either day or both days,**

**Masks must be worn!
please email me.**

**Debbie -
yorkierambo@bellsouth.net**

Sunday, Dec 6th

9:30-12:30

12:30-3:00

3:00-4:30

ATTENTION!! UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS!!!!



As things are slowly opening up but with great caution due to the covid pandemic there will be several orchid shows coming up! I know we all are happy to see this news!

Don't Forget to Support our CSOS sponsors! If you visit them, please let them know you are a CSOS member. They always appreciate our support as much as we appreciate their support.

Mounts Botanical Gardens Fall Plant-A-Palooza - NOTE DATE CHANGE!

531 N Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Sat., Nov. 14th, 9 am to 4 pm / Sun., Nov. 15th, 9 am to 3 pm

Water will be available for purchase; there will be no food vendors!!

Admission \$12 - CREDIT CARD ONLY! MASKS REQUIRED!

Orchids in November! Fairchild Tropic Botanic Gardens - Rain or Shine

10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL 33156

Saturday, Nov. 14th & Sunday, Nov. 15th - 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Special times for seniors & individuals who identify as vulnerable - 9:00–10:00 am

Please reserve your tickets now. Only individuals who have pre-purchased tickets specifically for this time will be admitted.

Sawgrass Nature Center & Wildlife Hospital / Orchid & Plant Festival

3000 Sportsplex Dr. Coral Springs, FL 33065

Sat & Sun, Dec. 5th & 6th, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm / Admission \$7/person (children under 2 are free) (MASKS REQUIRED)

NOTE: Tamiami International Orchid Festival.....

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the 2021 Tamiami International Orchid Festival is postponed until Oct. 1 - Oct 3, 2021. Although some events may be safely held in the near future, our event involves large numbers of people, including visitors from around the world. Therefore, in the interest of public safety, we have elected to postpone the event until a time we believe will be safer. It is our hope that by this time next year the pandemic will be vanquished! We'll see you next October.



To all our CSOS members & your families, the officers & Board Members of CSOS would like to wish you & yours a safe, healthy & Happy Thanksgiving!



Choosing the Right Orchids

The more I've learned about orchids, the more I realize how little I know.

It's mind-boggling and can be very confusing. There are no hard and fast rules, and everybody has their own way of growing orchids. There are classes, books, speakers, blogs, seminars, and guides suggesting orchids that would be perfect for you to grow. The possibilities are endless, and orchid plants seem to be for sale just about everywhere. How does a neophyte go about purchasing the right orchid for you?

Don't hesitate to seek advice from your orchid society members, friends, and neighbors who grow orchids. Which vendors do you recommend? What type of orchids do you find easiest to grow? Orchid "addicts" love to share their experiences and ideas about orchids. The danger is that you might get as many suggestions as the number of people you ask.

If you purchase an orchid at a big box store, through Amazon, or from an unknown online grower, it's "buyer beware," but you will be thrilled if the orchid thrives and reblooms. It's a gamble, but you can save money. I've had good luck at my local Home Depot and Lowe's. Every so often, usually before a holiday, they stock up on Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, Encyclias, and other orchids besides the ever-present Phalaenopsis. Some are in baskets with hangers, which saves even more money. I've even found wooden baskets with two different types of Dendrobium in the same basket, a real Two-Fer! Sometimes the yellow proper identification tags can be found way down in the pots. They look like Carmela tags, which makes it even better. They also offer bare root plants for those who prefer to see the root systems before they buy.

We are continually told the importance of purchasing from knowledgeable and reputable growers, whether at a show, online or by visiting their nurseries. You can usually subscribe to their mailing lists to receive news of special offers, sales, classes, and workshops. Some offer special online deals, where you purchase a group of orchids at a greatly reduced price, a good opportunity to try a new plant without a major investment. Again, don't hesitate to ask questions.

The first step is to carefully examine the plant, looking for signs of insects or disease, healthy foliage, and good roots. Are there signs of new growth, flower spikes, or keikis?

If you are buying a new kind of plant, ask the vendor if it is a species or hybrid that will do well in south Florida. If it is a cool or intermediate grower, it will not likely survive unless you grow inside.

If you are buying a division that has been potted up, ask the vendor when it was potted and how well-rooted the division is. You shouldn't pay the full potted plant price for a bare root division recently wrapped in moss and stuck in a pot. The better the root system, the greater your chances of success. Some people prefer to purchase bare root plants for that reason.



ATTENTION; ADVERTISERS & SPONSORS! It's time to renew your business cards for the 2020-2021 year. ONLY \$25 FOR ONE YEAR! If you did not renew by March 1, 2020 your business card has been removed until your renewal is received.

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FOR EVERYONE'S CONVENIENCE YOU CAN NOW RENEW OR PAY ON OUR WEBSITE!

note: for "new" business sponsors email your business card jpeg to:

Debbie: yorkierambo@bellsouth.net

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.

Displaying your business card on our website offers you the following:

- 1) One year advertising on our website***
- 2) One year appearing in our "monthly" newsletter to all our members for the year 2020***
- 3) If you have a website, it will allow a viewer to click on your business card on our website & be directed right to your website!***
- 4) You are welcome to provide business cards and/or promotional materials to display on our information table at each monthly meeting. We always encourage our members to support our sponsors!***

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World's Largest Orchid Plant in Bloom you ever wanted to see! While there are taller orchid plants and larger orchid flowers, the overall mass of *Grammatophyllum speciosum* has earned it recognition as the world's largest orchid and it is now in bloom in our Boettcher Memorial Tropical Conservatory, Denver, CO.

Also known as the sugarcane orchid because of its foliage, *G. speciosum* is a native of Malaysia, Sumatra and New Guinea. Years ago on a trip to Malaysia, I saw specimens growing as epiphytes on tree trunks over 100 feet in the air. Many more specimens were in public and private gardens as they are popular plants for rescue when large trees are cut down. Our plant and its blossoms are most easily viewed by entering the upper level conservatory doors off the main lobby. Walk along the north wall and about 15 feet or so in, look to the south over the ledge and you will see the sugarcane-like leaves and the maroon and white blooms. The real plant nerds among may notice that the lowest flowers are botanically imperfect. Further up the inflorescence, the flowers become perfect. Weird and wonderful!

July 20, 2018 | Nick Snakenberg, Curator of Tropical Collections and Associate Director of Horticulture

<https://www.botanicgardens.org/blog/world%E2%80%99s-largest-orchid-plant-bloom>

BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE OFTEN!

Be sure to stop by our website & check it out! We think you will find it very informative. Be sure to check out the growing tip tab & be sure to click on each of the flowers. Love the butterflies??? click on them too!

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