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...Promote interest in and to  
disseminate information in  
culture, development, and  
hybridization of orchids.....*

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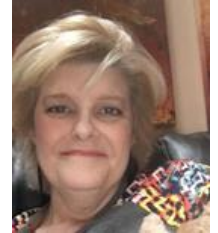
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## December-January News!

### Comments from Kristy Charland, President

I must say that 2022 went by so quickly. It was the first year of my presidency, and the year that post pandemic activities began again. So, our Society attended shows again, had a live auction again, and had in person gatherings again. But most importantly, hosted a successful show again. Lots of firsts for all of us. I'm so pleased with the direction of the Society. Let's continue with 2023 being another year of learning, encouraging, and celebrating our camaraderie around growing these mysteries from around the world. I'm very proud and humbled to be your leader. Please contact me with ideas for other features that we could include to enhance your experience as a Society member.



Be well,

Kristy



In December, we gained another new membership. Please welcome:

Scott Howell III We were lucky enough to meet Scott and his wife Kelsye at the Holiday Party in December. So glad to have you!!

### Comments from Jean Rogers, Editor

Once Again, please send me your "Members' Bio". I'm including the questions here so you can just copy, paste, answer, and send to me [jeanierogerswarren@gmail.com](mailto:jeanierogerswarren@gmail.com) I love getting to know you and the easiest way is with the Bios. With over 130 members, it's nice to be able to see face and name together and get to know each other. Thanks in advance!! Remember, you can just answer the questions or write a paragraph.

1. When did you join OSGKC, and how long have you been growing orchids?
2. What got you hooked on orchids?
3. What type of orchid is your favorite?
4. Where and how are you growing orchids? (please include a photo of yourself and of your setup!)
5. What was/is your profession or training, and are you still working your job or retired?
6. Complete this statement: "One surprising fact about me is..."
7. Do you have any pets?
8. What is your birth date (Month and Day)?

**Please remember that we'd like to see your blooming orchids. Feel free to take pictures anytime during the month and then send them when I let you know I'm working on the newsletter. We love seeing each others' successes. They are "For Viewing Pleasure" only – not for judging which is done at the meetings.**

**If you find a new product or potting information, have an inquiry, or any other thing you think other members might be interested in, please send it to me and I'll include it in the newsletter. [jeanierogerswarren@gmail.com](mailto:jeanierogerswarren@gmail.com) Check out "Ideas, Items, and Inquiries" after the pictures.**

**If you have questions/problems, remember to bring your plant or pictures of it to the meeting. If you don't want to wait till next meeting, you can always post to Orchid Growers of OSGKC Facebook page and get help from other members. And if you don't do Facebook but you are an AOS member, you can send pictures to the Greenhouse Chat (see AOS Webinar Chart below) and experts will help you during the Webinar Chat AND follow up with you. If you are not an AOS member, please consider becoming one. You can do that at their website. <https://secure.aos.org/store/register-renew> And for any help, please contact Mark Prout, AOS Rep for our Society.**

Happy orchid growing,  
Jean

## Project Plant Update

"Project Plant" is a fun and educational group activity for society members. Here's how it works. I scout around for plant sources for first-bloom seedlings that members can all buy through a group order, and then we grow and compare techniques and the resulting flowers. It's a lot of fun, and I encourage you all to try it.

The plan is for our next 'project plant' to be a Paph. in low bud. This will be a new cross that we grow and compare and help each other. So fun to see how different the babies are (the flowers), just like with humans. You've been notified to see if you'd like to participate. Final call (chance) will be soon. The cost is estimated at \$15-20.

## Facebook Group

Our Facebook page, Orchid Growers of OSGKC, is a great place for us to communicate, share, learn from each other. All through the month we have orchids that bud and bloom and we get so excited and want to share it, and the meeting is sooooo far away!! Use the Orchid Growers of OSGKC Facebook Page. Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/909878999427064/?ref=share> It is easy to post your precious orchids and get oooohhhs and ahhhhs from other members. Or something is going on and you want to ask someone – post it on this page. If you need Facebook help (I know I did and still do!!) contact Kristy ([charland.ek@outlook.com](mailto:charland.ek@outlook.com)). She'll be glad to help. **If you want to email us**, please contact Brian Donovan – Mentor Chair, [bdonovan71@gmail.com](mailto:bdonovan71@gmail.com) to connect you with someone.

## Meetings

### Upcoming meeting(s) - From Susie Hanna, OSGKC Program Chair:

#### Upcoming Programs and Events

**January 8, 2023 \*Mark Your Calendars\* In-Person Speaker with plants for sale!!!**

Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids, Sacramento, CA will be with us in person to give his talk: "Orchid Culture 101". Yes, he's coming to KC!!! This is an essential talk to hear if you are growing orchids. Alan is an internationally famous grower and hybridizer of orchids, and will be bringing some of his plants to sell. You can also pre-order plants from Alan. More details to come on ordering. Meanwhile, you can find Alan on Facebook: Gold Country Orchids.

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya's. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California near Sacramento, for his 250,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature compact and Cattleya breeding.



Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many International Publications. He has also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and 3 terms on the Board of Directors, as well as two terms as a Trustee for the AOS.

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### December Speaker Review by Cindy Meyer and Crystal Remington

**No Speaker in December**

Alan Koch Speaking in-person in January!!

But we had a PARTY in December!!!

Awards for 2022

30 items in the raffle

10 items in the silent auction

Orchids galore for viewing and judging

A feast of food

Holiday Spirit was definitely in-the-air with OSGKC at Merriam Community Center

### 2022 Awards

Best species Brian Donovan

Best dendrobium Brian Donovan

Best Pterothallid Anh Rongish and Ken Plahn

Best cattleya Dipti Solanki

Best Oncidium Dipti Solanki

Best paph Jean Rogers

Best Phal, Miscellaneous, vanda, first bloom seedling Kristy Charland

Best phrag Ken Plahn

Orchidist of the year Kristy Charland

Royal Barber award Brian Donovan









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## Judging Notes...

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### *Upcoming AOS Shows & Judging Around Our Region*

If you have an orchid blooming that you think is FANTASTIC – Contact Mark Prout. If it is time for a meeting at the Judging Center – they could take your plant to be evaluated for an award (and/or give you their best opinion if it indeed should be looked at). There are Judging Centers all-across America. The one closest to us is the MidAmerica Judging Center in St. Louis, MO. It holds monthly judging on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. The mission of the Judging Centers is to provide orchid growers in the region with the opportunity to have their plants evaluated and judged for AOS awards. These include HCC, AM, FCC, JC, AQ, CBR, CHM, CCM, and CCE.

#### **January 13-15, 2023**

Miami Orchid Society 's Tamiami International Orchid Festival, Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center, Fuchs Pavilion, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24 St.), Miami, FL

#### **January 14, 2023**

Mid-America Judging Center monthly judging, noon, Missouri Botanical Garden, Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, 4651 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO

#### **January 21, 2023**

Great Plains Judging Center monthly judging, 10:30 am, Beech Science Center, 100 College St., Winfield, KS

#### **January 28-February 26, 2023**

Missouri Botanical Garden Orchid Show, Jack C. Taylor Visitor Center, Emerson Conservatory, 4344 Shaw Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63110 [\(314\) 577-5100](tel:3145775100)

#### **January 28 & 29, St. Louis Orchid Society Show and Sale, Missouri Botanical Garden**

#### **February 11, 2023**

Mid-America Judging Center monthly judging, noon, Missouri Botanical Garden, Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, 4651 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO

#### **February 18, 2023**

Great Plains Judging Center monthly judging, 10:30 am, Beech Science Center, 100 College St., Winfield, KS

#### **March 3-5, 2023**

OSO's 12th Annual "Orchids in the Garden", Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, 4703 N. Crossover Rd, Fayetteville, AR

#### **March 25 & 26**

Omaha Orchid Show and Sale, Lauritzen Botanical Garden, Omaha NE

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## OSGKC Judging

Ribbon judging at our meetings at the Merriam Community Center are not official AOS judging events, but are an introduction to the judging process and a way for members to share and learn more. Any plant you enter, you should have owned and cared for, for at least 3 months (not just bought and brought recently and brought in. Also, bring the same flowers in for judging only once. For example, if you enter a Paph. one month and the next month it is still in bloom, please do NOT enter it again.

Seeing orchids in flower is one of the greatest joys of our meetings and we are so happy to be able to do this again. Please bring in your blooming orchids, even if you don't think they are "award quality". You will always learn something by bringing plants in to discuss and share with other members. And, ribbons count for points which build through the year for our year-end award presentation each December.

## December Meeting Judging Results by Cindy Meyer

### **Blue Ribbon Winners**

Cattleya: Blc. Hausermann's Holiday 'Christmas' by Ken Plahn  
Phal. NOID by Nikki McDonald  
Paphiopedium: Paph. Barbie's Moon by Kristy Charland  
Phragmipedium: Phrag. NOID by Ken Plahn  
Oncidium: Onc. Twinkle by Dipti Solanki

### **Red Ribbon Winners**

Cattleya: Pot. Hawaiian Promnence 'America' by Ariel Paulson  
Oncidium: Onc. Lemon Drop 'Sweet Sugar' HCC/AOS by Crystal Remington

### **White Ribbon Winners**

Cattleya: Bl. Morning Glory 'H & R' X sib by 2  
Onc. Heaven Scent 'Sweet Baby' by 6



**December – Orchid of the Month**

Blc. Hausermann's Holiday  
'Christmas'  
by Ken Plahn

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# For Fun and Learning!!

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## Orchid Growing Tidbits (How I Grow It.....)

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Some individual genera – **December** Blue Ribbon Winners and special orchids - *How I grow It:*



### **Phrag. Waunakee Sunset 'Cherry' by Ken Plahn**

Light - LED grow light, medium light

Water - RO, twice a week

Temperature - 70 day, 65 night, 5deg colder in winter

Humidity - High 50-70%, with peak during middle of light period

Potting Mix - bark, rock, charcoal, large

perlite

Fertilizer - Ray's K-Lite, ¼ tsp to 1 gal, in water a few times a year.



### **Paph. Barbie's Moon by Kristy Charland**

This is a very small plant from Deerwood Orchids. It is under my LED grow lights from Botanical LEDs. It's about 6-8" from the light. It's kept at about 78F, and I use clean water, either from our dehumidifier or from Natural Grocers RO. The water refills are now 29 cents a gallon for their club members. I mixed Klite from First Rays into the water every other watering. Usually water twice a week. My grow room stays between 45-55% humidity. It is still in the medium from the vendor, which is fine bark, medium perlite and a few pieces of charcoal.



### **Cattleya: C. Hausermann's Holiday 'Christmas' by Ken Plahn**

Light - LED grow light, medium light in winter. Under shade cloth outdoors May - Sep.

Water - RO, daily in winter. Tap water and rain May - Sep.

Temperature - 65 day/60 night, in winter. Outdoor temps May - Sep.

Humidity - High 50-70%, with peak during middle of light period

Potting Mix - Large bark, rock and

perlite

Fertilizer - Ray's K-Lite, ¼ tsp to 1 gal water a few times a year.





**Phal. NOID by Nikki McDonald**

It grows on my piano in indirect light. It's in regular orchid potting mix. I try to water it once per week with tap water and fertilize it once per month with Miracle Gro Orchid.



**Oncidium Twinkle by Dipti Solanki**

It's in bark and sphagnum moss mix. It's stays under lights in winter and in summer outside on my screened patio. Water every week and fertilizer every other week with besgrow fertilizer. Dry out between watering and watering more frequently in summer. Humidity is around 50 % in my house.

Our pictures form the October Meeting are thanks to the photography of Cindy Meyer

**Blooming Orchids for Show**

**NOT for JUDGING – just for your VIEWING PLEASURE!** Thanks to members who donated!!

Did you know we now have an amazing 134 members in our membership??? Yes, 134!!! It would be beyond my wildest dream if even ¼ of you sent a picture for 'Viewing Pleasure'!!! Share your beauties!!! Become involved in the Society as much as you can. It is so fun and rewarding associating with all of you!!!



Tolumnia Jairak Firm 'Red Devil' by Jeanne Smith



Tolumnia Jairak Firm 'Butterfly' by Jeanne Smith



Oncidium Sharry Baby by Jeanne Smith



Howeara Lava Burst 'Puanani'  
AM/AOS by Donna Klehm



Slc. Circle of Life x Life's  
Melody by Donna Klehm



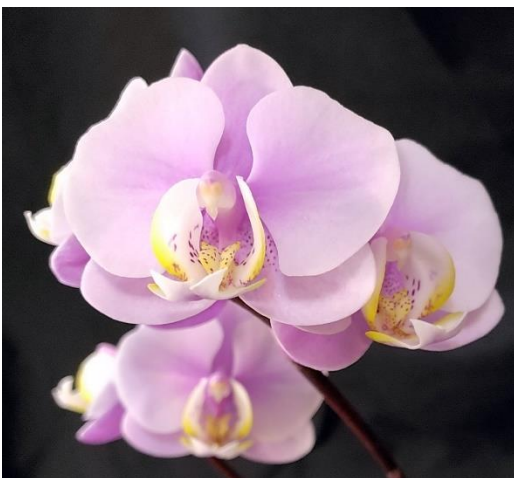
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kristy Charland



Paph. Barbie's Moon by  
Kristy Charland



Odcdm. Catatante  
'Kilauea Karma' by Pat



Phal. Nobby's Amy by Brian  
Donovan (for 12 years)



Epicendrum porpax by  
Jeanne Smith (from our  
auction—1st bloom)



Rhyncovanda Noi Blue X  
Colestis by Jeanne Smith



Phal. by Scott Howell III



Zygo. By Scott Howell III



Phal. by Scott Howell III



Aeranthes henrici by Steve Marak



Cattleya wittigiana by Steve Marak



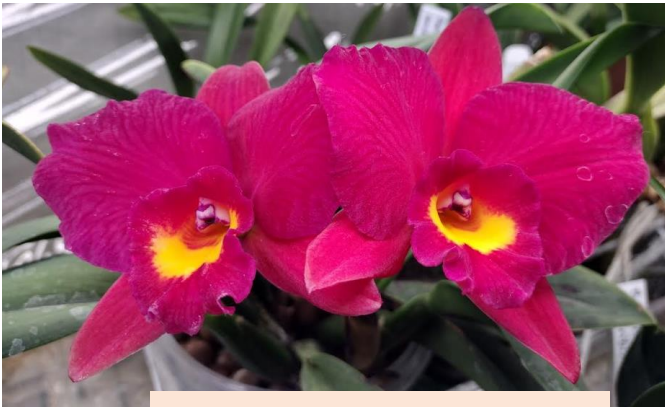
Phalaenopsis appendiculata by Steve Marak



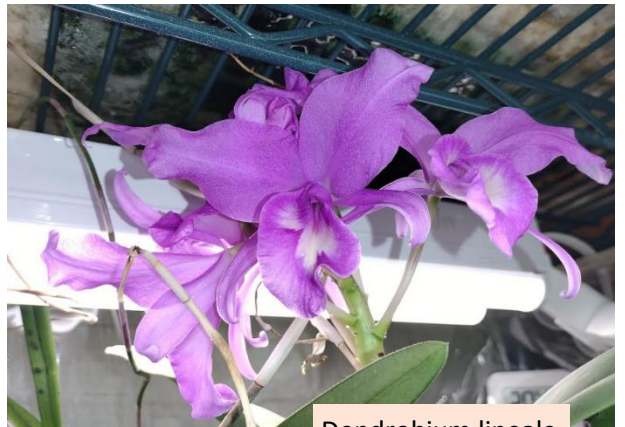
Gaelopetalum Arlene Armour 'Conching' by Ariel Paulson



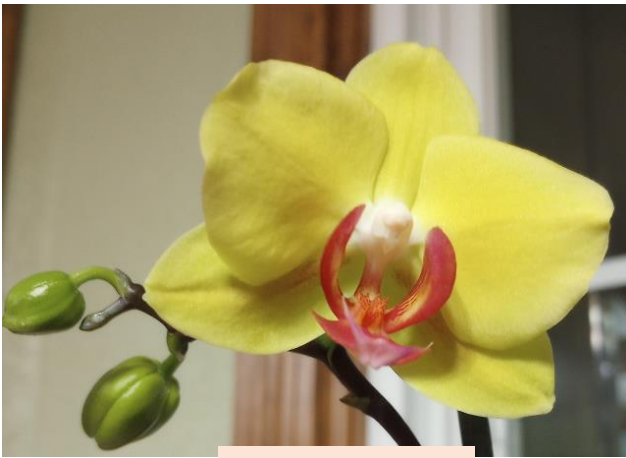
Cattleya Bethune 'Indigo' by Ariel Paulson



Potinara Hawaiian Prominence  
'America' by Ariel Paulson



Dendrobium lineale  
by Ariel Paulson



Phal. NOID by  
Michele Dowdell



Phal. NOID by Iva  
Stribling



Den. Visa Peach BS by  
Jean Rogers



Cattleya NOID by Jean  
Rogers



Paph. Little Pink by Jean  
Rogers



Den. bracteosum X tanii  
by Jean Rogers



Phal. KV Beauty 'T5701'  
by Jean Rogers



Odrbrs. Kenneth Bivin 'Santa  
Barbara' HCC/AOS by Jean Rogers



Mtssa. CM Fitch 'Izumi'  
AM/AOS by Jean Rogers



Phal. NOID by Jean  
Rogers



Phal. NOID by Jean Rogers



Paph. Hsinying Alien by  
Jean Rogers



Rdrm. Pink Lace by Susie  
Hanna



Paph. Nancy Depauw  
'Mark's Joy' HCC/AOS by  
Mark and Joy Prout



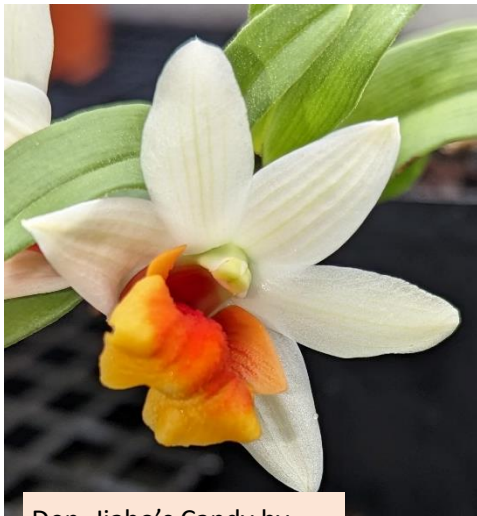
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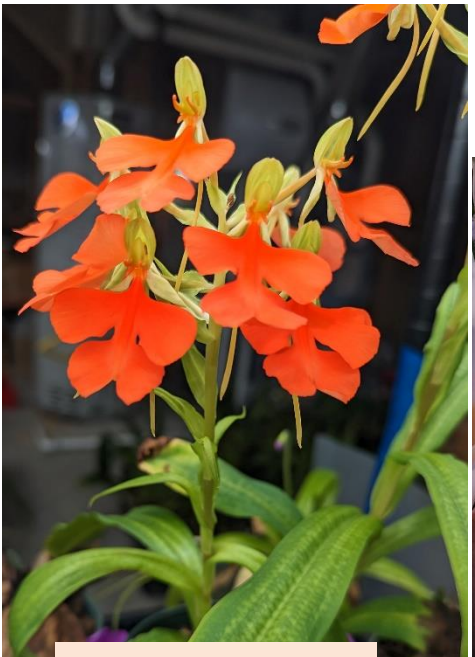
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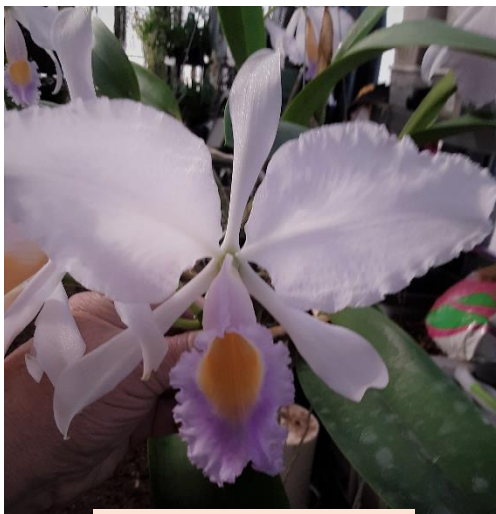
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Mark and Joy Prout



Den. Jiaho's Candy by  
Mark and Joy Prout



Hab. rhodocheila by  
Mark and Joy Prout



Cattleya schroderae 'Dr.  
K' by Sarah Pratt



Phalaenopsis Taisuco  
Anna by Sarah Pratt



Phrag. Grande 'Velma's Royal Delight' by Sarah Pratt



Rlc. Little Toshie 'Gold Country' by Sarah Pratt



Bulbophyllum lindeyanum 'Timbucktoo' CCM by Sarah Pratt



Phalaenopsis Newberry Parfait 'Picotee' by Sarah Pratt



Bulbophyllum lindleyanum by Sarah Pratt



Cattleya Warpaint by Susie Hanna



Pyp. Mendenhall By Dr. Dan Schlozman

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## Ideas, Items and Inquiries (If you know of something for this section, please send to [ANH.VU@ucdenver.edu](mailto:ANH.VU@ucdenver.edu) or [jeanierogerswarren@gmail.com](mailto:jeanierogerswarren@gmail.com) for inclusion)

Kristy Charland found this idea for a DIY project. Plants are situated so that water can't remain in the crown. It is pictured with Phals. But Kristy says it probably would be great for other genera as well.

For those of you that wanted pictures, here are the pots I made for my phals. Haven't lost any to crown rot this way and they all seem very happy!

45 degree pvc elbow, drain that matches the size of the pvc below, 1" drill but to drill holes and a couple screws to hold the drain part on the bottom. I fill mostly with bark then add a small amount of moss at the top.

The only thing I don't like about the pvc is that is so long but the phals don't seem to mind at all.



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## Community Service

If you have knowledge of an upcoming event, or something you think others might like to know of, please let me know and I can put it 'HERE' in the newsletter – [jeanierogerswarren@gmail.com](mailto:jeanierogerswarren@gmail.com)



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 Message us for any specific plant requests!!

Orchid 101 Class was fun & very educational!!! We have gone ahead and scheduled another Orchid 101 Class on Thursday, February 9th, 2023 from 6-9pm at 'The Space' by Dolce Bakery. David will be lecturing on 7 different Orchid families, provide you with tips & tricks on re-blooming, conduct a repotting demonstration, and plants/supplies will be available for purchase! The class is \$39 and anyone interested in registering can email me directly at [vashti.bird@gmail.com](mailto:vashti.bird@gmail.com)

I also took a little time yesterday to update our website under special events. So, check it out. I have posted dates/times/locations to the 3 different Orchid Shows that we will be attending at the beginning of next year. Our first show of the year is in St.Louis!

We are also a part of the Master Gardener Conference that takes place in June 2023.



# Outside OSGKC Resources

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We didn't have a speaker in December but a Holiday Party and Awards Banquet. Over the holidays you may have some time to read, study, read about orchids. We had an amazing list of donors to our raffle and you may have gotten or will get, some plants you aren't so familiar with. So, I've included links to some culture pages from our donors. I've included information about them, how to contact them, and if you get the chance, send an email and thank them.

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# *Let's Get to Know Each Other*

## **OSGKC Members!**

**January**



***Beth and Doug Martin***

Joined January 1998

We joined OSGKC in January 1998, a few months after moving to Kansas City from St. Louis. Beth served as President 2010-11 and as shows and exhibits chair 1999-2020. She also started the beginners group in 1999 and led it for 5 years. Doug served as President 2004-05 and also served as program chair 2000-04, donations chair, conservation chair and Mid-America Orchid Congress representative. We've co-chaired two MAOC shows hosted by OSGKC, in 2007 and 2018. We're both AOS Associate Judges and past presidents of MAOC.

We started growing orchids in 1991. Beth bought Doug his first orchid, a Phalaenopsis, for Valentines Day at the St. Louis orchid society show, and he immediately bought two more! We grow orchids in a light room in our basement, and also outdoors. Doug's current passion is Mediterranean terrestrials and he loves Cypripediums, and Beth likes mini-catts and phals. Beth is a retired lawyer and Doug is a retired chemistry professor. We both love traveling to see orchids in their natural habitats, and we've seen them in 38 US states and 7 other countries.

# News from the AOS

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We thank the American Orchid Society for allowing us to use these AOS Corner items in our newsletter! Even if you're not an AOS member, there are lots of free resources available to everyone...and of course we encourage you to join. AOS membership includes digital access to ORCHIDS magazine, including digital archives of more than 350 issues dating back to 1932!



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## Got Orchids?

*The American Orchid Society website is your portal to knowledge for all things orchid. The AOS website, along with ongoing Webinars and OrchidPro, offers a plethora of information to help you grow and show your orchids to peak performance. We encourage use of the [AOS website](http://www.aos.org) by ALL orchid growers.* The next best place to learn about the orchids that will thrive in your area, is to attend and become involved in your local [Affiliated Society](#) meetings.

## Welcome to 2023 the Year of the Orchid

On behalf of the American Orchid Society, we wish you our Affiliates a Happy and Prosperous New Year. As we welcome 2023, the year of the orchid, our focus will begin in assisting you with member retention. We welcome your ideas and strategies in areas that are working well for you as a Society. In this issue we share the following information: our next Orchid Culture Day; Art, Orchids and Education from our Education Committee; ORCHIDS Magazine reprint on *Bud Blast and Flower Blight* by Sue Bottom; the Orchid Corner: Culture Care and Seasonal Diseases; *Member Retention Idea* and more. May this year be filled with lots of success stories, ton of AOS awards and many happy society members.

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# Our Next Orchid Culture Speaker Day!

Save the Date - **Sunday, February 12, starting at 11:00 AM EST**

Do you get the Winter Blues? Would you like to do something to take your mind off Winter but maybe not the Blues? Well, the AOS will be Celebrating the Orchid Blues in February! Our next Culture Day will be packed with an informative series of speakers talking about Blue Breeding of Orchids.

## Our Current Speaker lineup & Topics

- Carson Whitlow - Blue Cattleyas
- Rob Griesbach - Blue Breeding of Flowers
- Fred Clarke - Breeding Blue Mini Cats
- Leslie Ee - Blue Phalaenopsis breeding

Tell your friends! (AOS Membership is not required) Registration will be \$30 and we might have a few surprises.

**Details and Registration link/information will be available shortly.**

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## Art, Orchids, and Education

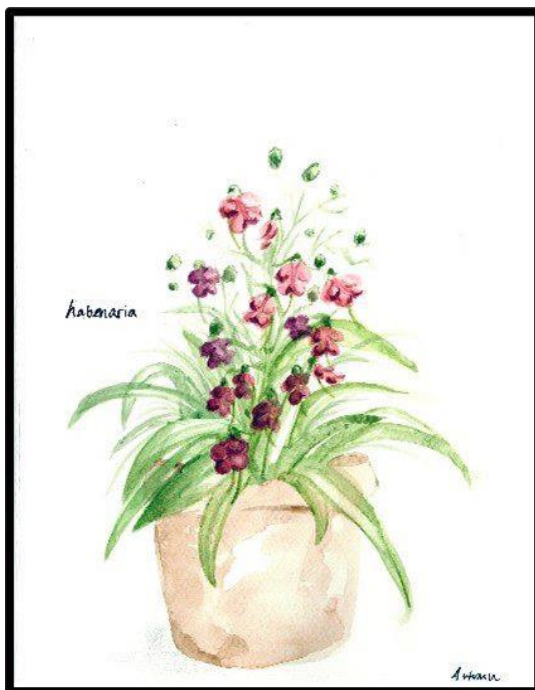
Barb Schmidt, Chair – Education Committee



Orchids have long captured artists' interest because of their exotic look and myriad of colors, patterns, and shapes. What better way to educate someone about orchids than through art?

In 2022, the AOS Education Committee started an internship program for student artists. Our first intern was Autumn Row, a junior at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Autumn is studying psychology and minoring in biology and art history

Over the course of five months, Autumn created three original watercolors of *Habenaria*, *Cymbidium*, and *Masdevallia*. High resolution photographs were taken of these paintings which are now available for use. The original watercolors were donated to the AOS Auction at the Fall Members Meeting. Any Affiliated Society can use these photos for show promotion by contacting the Education Committee at [education\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:education_committee@aos.org). The Education Committee is also seeking a new student art intern for the spring. Fields of study can be media art or graphic art. Send proposals to the above email address.



# ORCHIDS Magazine - For the Novice

## Bud Blast and Flower Blighting

By Sue Bottom

Who does not enjoy seeing a jewel orchid with its interesting leaf coloration and venation, or a *Phalaenopsis schilleriana* with its beautiful variegated leaves? The orchid aficionado always enjoys a well-grown plant with unblemished leaves and a good growth habit. While there are some orchids grown for their foliage, the big payoff for our time and trouble is the appearance of long-anticipated flowers. When the floral display is ruined because the buds blast before opening or become blighted after opening, we wonder what we should have done differently.

**NEWLY ACQUIRED PLANTS** Bud blast on plants that have just been brought into your growing area is probably the norm rather than the exception. Think about how your new orchid was uprooted from the cozy greenhouse where its every need was met, jammed into a box or flat, loaded into a truck or airplane, or sat on the shelf at the retail outlet before arriving at your growing area. Every environmental cue an orchid uses to adjust to its environment was confused by its journey. It should not be surprising that these jet-lagged plants drop some or all of their buds.

[Click here for the full article](#)

— Sue Bottom started growing orchids in Houston in the mid-1990s after her husband Terry built her first greenhouse. They settled into St. Augustine, Florida, Sue with her orchids and Terry with his camera and are active in the St. Augustine Orchid Society, maintaining the society's website and publishing its monthly newsletter. Sue is also a member of the AOS Editorial Board ([sbottom15@hotmail.com](mailto:sbottom15@hotmail.com)).

Article and pictures can be found in the pp 32-36 of the January 2016 Edition of ORCHIDS Magazine



Orchid  
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# Culture Care

During the winter season, water and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Careful removal if drying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without danger of condensation rot. Take a look at the January - February Checklist for more information.

[January - February Checklist](#)



# Seasonal Diseases

Any time the weather is rainy or damp for extended periods, black rot can quickly destroy an entire plant if left unchecked. To learn more, click below.

[Black Rot](#)

# What is bugging my orchid

In the Virgin Islands the weather is warm all year around. There are some pests that are active regardless the weather or the time of year. One of these pests is the cockroach. Like a thief in the night, roaches enter orchid pots and feast on the tip of the roots setting back your orchids cycle. Want to learn more, click on the box bellow.

[Roaches](#)

American Orchid Society



Award of Merit

Awarded to *Bulbophyllum Dolores Smith*  
'Whisper Pretty in Pink', (87 Points)  
20183293  
Exhibited by Laura Newton and Dolores Smith  
at Florida North-Central Judging Center - Orlando  
on July 14, 2018



*Laura Newton*      *Jay Balchun*

## New Award Pricing Structure

We have a new pricing structure for AOS awards! Due to the **fabulous digital award certificates** that can now be printed out by the exhibitors with color photograph inset, the price of awards is reduced by \$5, so AOS members **who opt to print their own certificate will pay \$35, non-members \$55.** Should you still want a **mailed certificate** with the seal (**but no photograph inset**) they will now be an additional \$10 per award: A total of \$45 for AOS members, \$65 for non-members.

## OrchidPro - Another Benefit of AOS Membership

Reminder: **All AOS members have access to the OrchidPro AOS Awards tool.**

Launch the tool in one of three ways while logged in as a member:

1. Bookmark [op.aos.org](http://op.aos.org) to directly link to the tool
2. Click the green button from the landing page for the Awards and Judging section of the website
3. Select OrchidPro from your members benefits drop down list on the top right-hand corner of [aos.org](http://aos.org)

Now when you launch the OrchidPro application it now takes you right to where you want to be in order to start your award search.

If you are new to OrchidPro, "how-to" videos can be found by choosing the '?' in the top right corner of the main page. or simply [click here!](#)

### Become an AOS Judge

#### The American Orchid Society Judging Program

is seeking highly motivated orchid enthusiasts to join the judging ranks

*Work with other like-minded people in support of AOS awards programs and educational efforts*

*For more information contact us at [judges@aos.org](mailto:judges@aos.org)*





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**Webinars** are online video presentations. You can register for an upcoming **webinar** or watch the recorded **webinars** any time at your convenience. It's easy to find the [scheduled webinars](#) and to register on the AOS website.

**Webinars** offer new material each month and recorded sessions allow you to search a multitude of topics to view on your personal schedule. The popular monthly **Greenhouse Chats** are open to everyone. AOS membership is not required. However, if you are an AOS member there are so many more webinars available to view.

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow!

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# Webinars-Coming Attractions!

**REGISTRATION IS EASY** <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>  
Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry.  
Register now and view on your time schedule.  
Greenhouse Chat Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.  
Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)

<b>When</b>	<b>December Winter Break</b>	<b>January 04, 2023</b> 8:30pm EST Wednesday	<b>January 05, 2023</b> 8:30pm EST Thursday
<b>Topic</b>	Choose Your Topic From <b>RECORDED WEBINARS</b>	<b>Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q &amp; A</b> <i>Send in your Photos &amp; Questions by Jan. 02</i>	<b>New Directions In Zygopetalinae</b>
<b>Presenter</b>	Expert Growers, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, Conservationists and more	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Tim Culbertson</b> Historian, AOS Judge, Hybridizer for SVO, SOA Board Member

**Check Out the Timeless Collection of Recorded Webinars on the AOS Website**



Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook, Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

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comments, join the community!!**

## What's Ahead ...

Please check [www.osgkc.org](http://www.osgkc.org) for updates and changes to our program  
schedule.

### **Sunday, January 8, 2023**

Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater Street, Merriam, KS  
*Speaker: Alan Koch **IN PERSON**, Gold Country Orchids: "Orchid  
Culture 101"*

### **Saturday January 28-February 26, 2023**

Missouri Botanical Garden Orchid Show, 4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO

### **Saturday & Sunday, January 28 & 29, 2023**

St. Louis Orchid Show and Sale, Missouri Botanical Garden

### **Sunday, February 12, 2023**

Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater Street, Merriam, KS  
*Speaker: Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids: "Aussie Dendrobiums"*

### **Sunday, March 12, 2023**

Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater Street, Merriam, KS  
*Speaker: Peter T. Lin, Diamond Orchids: "The 3 A's of the Orchid  
World: Angraecum, Aerangis and Aeranthes"*

### **Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19, 2023**

Springfield Orchid Show and Sale, Greene Botanical Center,  
Springfield, MO

### **Saturday and Sunday, March 25-26, 2023**

Omaha Orchid Show and Sale, Lauritzen Botanical Garden, Omaha, NE

### **Sunday, April 30, 2023**

Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater Street, Merriam, KS  
*Annual Orchid Auction*

### **Sunday, May 21, 2023**

Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater Street, Merriam, KS  
*Speaker: Brandon Tam, "Orchids at the Huntington Collection"*

### **Sunday, June 11, 2023**

Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater Street, Merriam, KS  
*Speaker: Dave Sorokowsky, Paph Paradise: "Growing Paphiopedilums"*

### **Sunday, July 9, 2023**

*Annual Orchid Growers' Tour, Destinations to be announced*

### **Sunday, August 20, 2023**

*Annual Members' Picnic*

### **Sunday, September 10, 2023**

*TBA*

### **Sunday, October 8, 2023**

*TBA*