



CFOS Newsletter

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CAPE FEAR ORCHID SOCIETY



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SEPTEMBER BRINGERS

(WHO BRINGS SNACKS)

Kathy Egan - Drink

Linda Swanson - Snack

If you have not signed up to supply snacks at an upcoming meeting, please see Christine Brueck. Remember to clean up the area you were sitting in and see where else needs attention. Thanks.



NEXT MEETING

7:00 PM WED SEPT 14

NC Cooperative Extension
and ARBORETUM
6206 Oleander Dr,
Wilmington NC 28403

6:30 Doors Open for Plant
Sales and Show Table
set up

7:00 Meeting Starts. Speaker
will be Brenda Oviatt, a
grower from Missoula,
Montana. presentation
is titled **Angraecoids:
Conservation & Culture**

CLUB OFFICERS

President: John Wetherington
Vice President: **VOLUNTEER TO
SEE YOUR NAME HERE.**
**Try it out before the
elections**

Treasurer: Laura Overstreet
Secretary: Linda Swanson
AOS Rep: April Saas
Member at Large: Kat McGrath
Past President: Pam Layne

**Follow this link to a Google
Photo Album of TOS Show
Pictures: Many thanks to Jon,
Tyler, Fritz and Pam.**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/vMvKh92b3urbx5tF8>

Minutes General Meeting - September 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President John Wetherington.

August minutes approved as distributed in Newsletter.

Laura Overstreet provided a Treasurers report.

October's speaker will come from Montana. There will be a sizeable travel budget for the month.

Laura Overstreet, Big Blooming Orchid Day (BBOD) Chairperson told us the date is Saturday 3/11/23 at the Lutheran Church. She hopes the online registration process can be streamlined. She has asked our tech guru, Andrew Price, to investigate simple online registration software. Also, the use of a credit card reader will be investigated. Laura Elliot has volunteered again to do food. All members are asked to help advertising and marketing by distributing posters, etc. There will be a meeting of committee heads in October. Laura Overstreet asked those with questions please email her at Church237@Gmail.com. Send pondering thoughts, questions, and to sign up as a volunteer.

President Wetherington Introduced CFOS members Jonathan Ibasco and Tyler Googe to talk about what it's like to enter the Club into an orchid show and what thing the judges look for.

Paula Paye will be selling plant pesticide at the raffle table.
Meeting closed 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kat McGrath, Acting Secretary



All show table pictures by the editor

CFOS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

AOS Representative - April
Tobiassen Saas
Webmaster - Andrew Price
Newsletter Editor - Kat McGrath
Hospitality Chair - Christine Brueck
Big Blooming Orchid Day - Laura
Overstreet
Program Chair - Pam Layne
Publicity Chair - Christine Brueck
Show Table Coordinator - Jane
Ranney
Raffle Table - Paula Paye
Auditor - Martha Conner

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

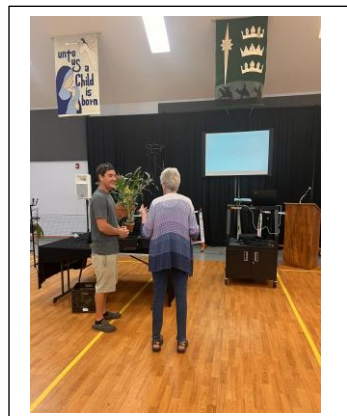
We attended the TOS "Fall for Orchids" show on the 24th & 25th. Kudos to Paula, Jon, and Tyler, you did us proud! It was an excellent presentation with plenty of ribbons and awards for individual orchids and the table in general. CFOS received a \$100 award for 'Best Visiting Society'. Thank you to all who contributed orchids. Be sure to see the photos in this newsletter. Hopefully, we can have some discussion at the next meeting.

Also at the next meeting will be Brenda Oviatt, a grower from Missoula, Montana. She and her partner, Bill Nerison, grow and sell orchids to other growers, they also propagate endangered angraecoids and educate hobbyists about many endangered plants and animals in Africa and Madagascar. If you are interested in lovely miniatures, be sure to attend October 12th at the Arboretum.

The time for the annual CFOS officer elections is drawing near for 2023. We will soon be seeking members of the nominating committee. Please consider offering your services and skills to help. But, more important, please consider being becoming an officer. We desperately need a Vice President!! Please ask me any questions you have about any position. Thanks.

John Wetherington
CFOS President.

Speaker – Tyler Googe and Jonathan Ibasco



AOS Awarded Plants: What do all those letters mean?

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American Orchid Society Representative

The American Orchid Society has an awards program that recognizes outstanding examples of orchids. When a particular plant shows desirable qualities, it can be submitted to a group of certified judges to be graded in hopes of an AOS award. These judges are experienced growers and have additionally had at least 7 years of practice and study in a program of AOS accreditation. An accredited judge must then maintain 12 hours of yearly continuing education and a minimum of 8 judgments per year. They put in significant time to master skills from a specified core curriculum to identify superior quality.

AOS awards represent a measure of quality recognized worldwide. These awards are income increasing for commercial growers, certifying desirable traits, and justifying a higher price. For hobbyists, the awards are prestigious. The record for the most awards, at over 800, belongs to Robert Fuchs.

In order to be considered for an award, the scientific name of your plant or the name of the cross must be known. There is no fee to have your plant judged. If it receives an award, a fee is charged to cover administrative expenses.

Plants are assessed on a 100-point scale. There are 3 levels of awards given for Flower Quality. A Highly Commended Certificate (HCC/AOS) signifies a score of 75 to 79. An Award of Merit (AM/AOS) indicates a score of 80 to 89. A First-Class Certificate (FCC/AOS) brings a top score of 90 to 100. The flower must meet established cultural criteria upon assessment. Judges will look at the form, color of flower, size of flower, substance, texture, stem arrangement, and arrangement of blooms. Color vibrancy, splash petals, spots, and lip structures are also considered.

There are 2 levels of awards given to exhibitors. The plant must have been in the care of the exhibitor for at least 12 months. To be considered, it must be robust and well flowered according to established standards. In this category, a Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM) signifies a score of 80 to 89 and a Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE) a score of 90 to 100.

Additionally, there are various grower specific awards that help to identify excellence and assure strong future breeding. Annually, awards are also given to the top acknowledged comparable specimens from various categories.

If the specific plant that receives the award has not been awarded before, it can be given a chosen clonal name (specific to that plant) in addition to its known scientific name. The specimen can then be easily identified for future interactions and uses. An individual plant can be awarded more than once but can only be given one clonal name.

INTRODUCING OUR OCTOBER SPEAKER

Our October 12th speaker, Brenda Oviatt, from Botanic Ltd will be speaking on *Angraecoids: Conservation & Culture*.

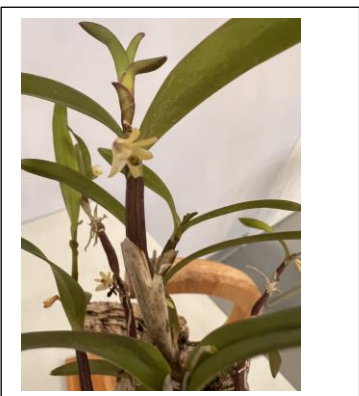
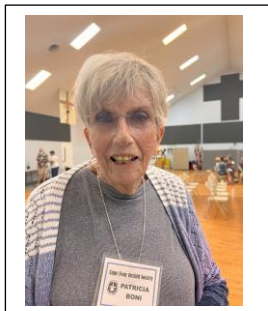
Botanica Ltd. is owned and operated by Bill Nerison (architect) and Brenda Oviatt (graphic artist). They began growing orchids in 1983 and over time their growing has evolved from a hobby into a two-part business. One half of the business involves growing and selling orchids (primarily species) to other interested growers. The other half of the business is focused on the ex-situ propagation of endangered angraecoids and the education of hobbyists and growers concerned with the plight of many species of plants and animals from Africa and Madagascar.

She will be bringing species orchids to sell. If anyone wants to preorder orchids, please contact her directly at billn@bresnan.net.

<https://botanicaltd.com/>

MEET OUR MEMBERS WITH A FUN FACT

Pat Boni is an Art Educator. She is primarily working with fabric now. She is showing at The Arts Council in Moorhead City.



ORCHID HUMOR



Show Table Results September 2022

Best in Show Table - Standard Size Plants (over 10 inches tall or wide)

	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Standard Size Best in Show Table -		
First	Miltonia Kismet 'Kind Kai'	Paula Paye
Second	Christensonia vietnamica	Paula Paye

Class Winners - Standard Size

Cattleya/Br/LC alliance

First	Laelia anceps x Brassolaelia aurora	Polly Kopka
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Eyclia/Epidendrum/Maxillaria

First	Psh. cochleata 'Pepe' x Psh. Cochleata 'Jules & Elaine' AM/AOS	Paula Paye
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Miltonia Alliance

First	Miltonia Kismet 'Kind Kai'	Paula Paye
Second	BIIPA MarFitch 'Howards Dream' AM/AOS	Joyce Pennock

Oncidium/Odon/Brassia Alliance

First	Orange Delight 'Candy Corn'	Joyce Pennock
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Phalanopsis

First	No entry	
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Vanda/Ascocendra/Aerides Alliance

First	Christensonia Vietnamica	Paula Paye
Second	Vanda Vas Crowfoxd Redgem z Ascda Peggy Foo	Joyce Pennock

Best in Show Table - Miniature to Small Size Plants (under 10 inches wide or tall)

Miniature to Small Size Best in Show Table - k

First	Chrisnetia Green Light Neo P	Laura Overstreet
Second	tie Scaphyglottis graminifolia	Paula Paye
	Guaritonia Why Not	Polly Kopka

Class Winners - Mini

Cattleya

First	Guaritonia Why Not	Polly Kopka
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Neofinetia

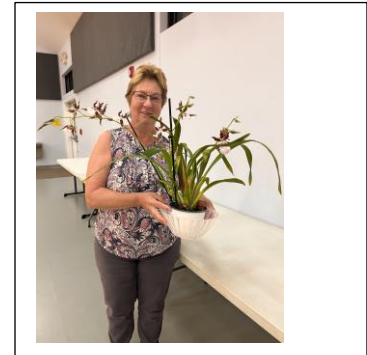
First	Chrisnetia Green Light	Laura Overstreet
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All Other rare, mini

First	Scaphyglottis graminifolia	Paula Paye
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Shows Table Points 2022

Member	Previous	September	Total
Christine Brueck	48		48
Karen Carson	5		5
Laura Elliott	76		76
Barb Flynn	30		30
Bob Heinisch	10		10
Jonathan Ibasco	124		124
Polly Kopka	8	30	38
Jim Lanier	20		20
Pam Layne	124		124
Grace Manaker	16		16
Kat McGrath	10		10
Brandy Morris	28		28
Laura Overstreet	21	20	41
Paula Paye	215	45	260
Joyce Pennock	92	16	108
Jane Ranney	20		20
Jeannie Richardson	5		5
Fritz Rhode	18		18
Carol Shores	8		8
Kelly Smith	59		59
Rebecca Taylor	18		18
Steve & Karen Tobiassen	106		106
John & Nancy Wetherington	44		44
Karen Zopf	10		10



Nice to Know About....

Webinars

Thursday, October 13th @ 830pm
Greenhouse Chat: Orchid Q & A
w/ Ron McHatton
OPEN TO ALL

Sunday, November 13 @ 2pm
Disas: Flowers of the Rainbow
w/ Michael Tibbs
AOS MEMBERS ONLY

Fall color map for NC
<https://biology.appstate.edu/fall-colors/fall-color-map-north-carolina>

Fall programs at Duke Gardens:
<https://rsvp.duke.edu/event/1df68b47-33e1-4cbc-8104-178c7c1f898e/websitePage:5b6fe36d-111d-467b-a96d-a21109934ce7>

