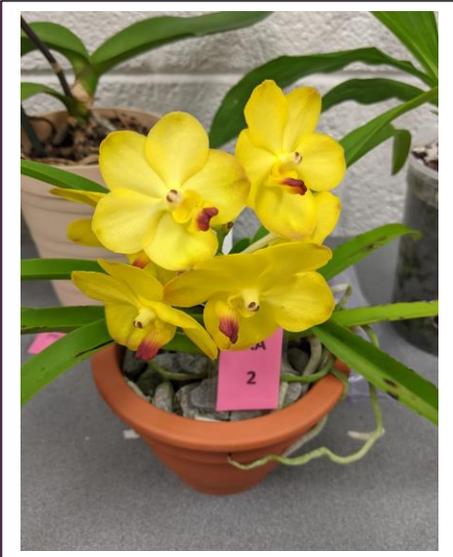




CFOS Newsletter

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CAPE FEAR ORCHID SOCIETY



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SEPTEMBER BRINGERS

(WHO BRINGS SNACKS)

Ro Ciccotello - Snack
 Mary Moore - Drink
 Karen Carson - 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

Lutheran Church of Reconciliation; 7500 Market St (corner Bayshore, entrance on Market)

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

7:00 Meeting Starts.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: John Wetherington
 Vice President: VOLUNTEER TO SEE YOUR NAME HERE
 Treasurer: Laura Overstreet
 Secretary: Linda Swanson
 AOS Rep: April Saas
 Member at Large: Kat McGrath
 Past President: Pam Layne



Minutes General Meeting - August 10, 2022

President John Wetherington began the meeting by thanking Pam Layne for running the July meeting in his absence and complimented her on the good reports he had heard.

John welcomed 2 guests to their first meeting.

The president explained that the minutes to the last meeting had been published in the newsletter. As there were no issues or comments the minutes were accepted by affirmation.

Treasurer Laura Overstreet reported the club's balance which included \$78 from the July raffle. Raffle Chair, Paula Paye, is bottling the remaining Distance systemic insecticide into 1-ounce bottles and it is available to members for \$10.

President Wetherington reminded everyone to pick up their Carol Shores Memorium orchids from Pam Layne.

Tyler Googe and Jon Ibasco explained the procedures for the table they will be putting together for the Triangle Orchid Club's Fall for Orchids show on September 24 to 25.

The theme will be either bog or eastern sunrise depending on the color of the plants offered to the table by members. Be prepared at the September meeting to give them a list of the plants you expect to have blooming that weekend. The drop off will be at the arboretum on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. (or you may drop off your plant in Raleigh on Friday afternoon.) Pick up will be at the arboretum will be on Monday morning at 10:00 am. (Please bring as many plants as you can that meet the selected theme even if you aren't sure if they are show quality.) If you have stands or hangers that you are willing to share, please bring them. Please try to send Tyler or Jon a picture of the hangers and stands so that they can start making plans.

August is the time to start preparing plants for this show. Stake or wire the spikes so that the flowers are well presented. Try not to move the plants, or at least try to keep them at the same orientation to the light so that all flowers face the same direction. Most of the pot and some foliage will be covered by draping, and so their perfection is not as important. Hanging wires are better if they are not bright metal. Plant labels are a necessity. Points at the show are awarded for quality of plants, proper name/labeling, and overall display appearance.

If you have questions or would like to send pictures:

Tyler Googe, tgooge8538@gmail.com, 252/515-2609

Jonathan Ibasco, joibasco_orchids@yahoo.com, 858/602-8445

President Wetherington then introduced the speaker for the evening Mark Reinke of Marble Branch and his topic for the evening Cymbidiums for Warm Climates.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Swanson, Secretary



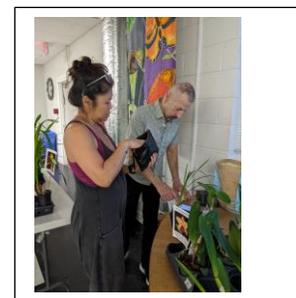
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's now September and we made it through August without a hurricane - something to be thankful for. That also brings us closer to fall shows. We are getting ready for the Triangle Orchid Society's "Fall for Orchids" show in Raleigh on Sept 24th & 25th. This will be the first AOS-judged show CFOS has entered as a club. Jonathan and Tyler are doing the work organizing and transporting the orchids provided by our membership. To help in this effort, and since our guest speaker for this month had to cancel, we will spend our time going over the details of displaying orchids and preparing for the show. Anyone with 'show experience' can offer suggestions. This month's meeting will be Sept 14th, at The Lutheran Church of Reconciliation, see info elsewhere. We will also spend a few minutes talking about next winter's Big Blooming Orchid Day.

John Wetherington
CFOS President.

August Speaker – Mark Reinke – Marble Branch Farms

<https://www.marblebranchfarms.com/>



PERFECT FLOWERS

APRIL TOBIASSEN SAAS
American Orchid Society Representative

In nature, approximately 90% of flowering plants have both male and female parts within the same blossom. These are considered "perfect flowers". Orchids, in general, are included in this group. Floral dimorphism can be seen in 6-7% of all plants. These plants have

flowers that are distinctly male or female. There are a small percentage of orchids that reproduce from flowers of separate genders. Most of these are classified as part of the *Catasetinae* subtribe of *Cymbidieae* (such as *Catasetum*, *Cycnoches*, *Dressleria*, *Clowesia*, and *Mormodes*).



Male *Catasetum osculatum*. Photo by Orchi licensed under CC BY-SA 3.0



Female *Catasetum osculatum*. Photo by Valdison Aparecido Gil licensed under CC BY-SA 4.0

The extent of the dimorphism in these *Catasetinae* orchids is nothing short of amazing. Such a difference can be seen between male and female flowers of the same species that many were originally mistaken for separate species. Male flowers are much more showy than female flowers. They tend to have more color and intricacies. Female flowers are much simpler. They are usually green and more cup shaped.

Individual inflorescences will usually consist of either male or female flowers. If two inflorescences develop on a plant at one time; they could both exhibit male flowers, both have female flowers, or there could be one spike of each sex. The plant itself isn't male or female, only the flowers. Just because a plant gives you two male spikes this time doesn't mean it won't give you a female or two next time.

The sex of the flowers seems to be differentiated by slight changes in the levels of light and moisture. While most of these are high light plants, male flowers will tend to develop more readily in lower light and slightly more moisture. Female flowers require drier and brighter conditions to develop. Often you will have male flowers below female flowers when the inflorescences are on the same plant.

The reason for the differences in the flowers is to ensure perpetuation of the species. The processes are very intricate and specific. The male flowers, being showier and stronger smelling, are created to attract and fit with a certain type of bee or wasp. *Catasetinae* male flowers have a habit of "expelling" their pollen onto unsuspecting hungry bee victims and actually "slapping" them with it, causing it to stick to them and causing them to think twice before approaching another "male looking" flower. Pollen sacs from these male flowers have been known to be triggered to be expelled as much as 9 feet. Female flowers are attractive too; just secondarily. The bees then look to the female flowers as an alternative to another "punch", completing the pollination cycle when the male pollen is deposited on the female flower.

Occasionally, an inflorescence will develop on a plant from this subtribe that will include male, female, and unisex flowers in groups on the same spike. When it comes to orchids, there is always an exception.

INTRODUCING OUR SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

"Our Sept 14th meeting will be held at the Lutheran Church of Reconciliation, 7500 Market Street, Wilmington (Ogden) the corner of Bayshore and Market. Jonathan Ibasco and Tyler Googe will be talking about our entrance into the Triangle Orchid Society's Fall for Orchids, an AOS Judged Show and Sale, and how to clean-up and get your orchids ready to show. This is open to all members, and we do need your blooming orchids to display. Anyone that has past experience with showing or having your orchids judge is welcome to share your experience.

Laura Overstreet, *Big Bloomin' Orchid Day* (BBOD) Chair, will be talking about our yearly fundraiser for 2023 and what needs to be done and when. BBOD will be March 11, 2023, at the Lutheran Church of Reconciliation. Volunteers will be needed for various positions and jobs.

As usual, we will be having our Show Table, Raffle Table, and refreshments.

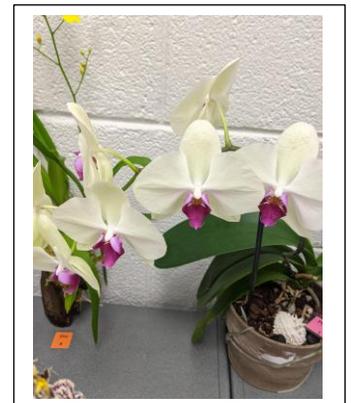
UPCOMING MEETINGS

MEET OUR MEMBERS WITH A FUN FACT

Second comment on Andrew Price. Best known as our webmaster and the guru. He and his family still travel in their self converted school bus to RV



September 14 - Tyler and Jonathan, "How-To Guide" on entering a Judged Orchid show
 October 12 - Brenda Oviatt, Botanica Ltd, W. Missoula, MT



ORCHID HUMOR

A Guy and his Girlfriend

A guy was taking his girlfriend to prom. Getting ready, he went to a tux rental shop. There was a huge line, but he eventually got his tuxedo.

He then went to the florist. Again, there was a huge line, but he got the orchid in the end.

Then he went to the limo rental place, and there was a big line there too! But he eventually managed to rent one.

They got to the prom and danced for a little bit, and then his girlfriend asked for some juice. He went to get it – but there was no punch line.

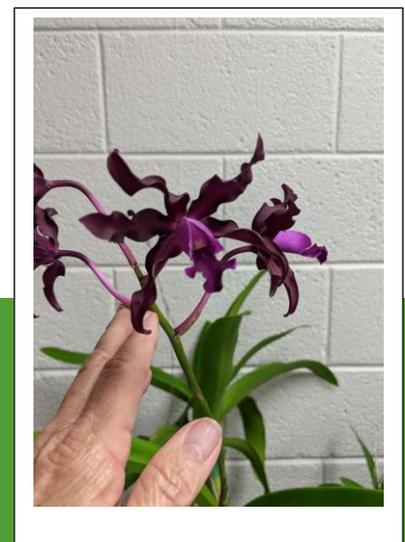
Nice to Know About....

Webinars

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

Monday, September 19th @ 830pm
Paphiopedilum venustum: The Pauper Prince of the Himalayas
w/ Dr. Leslie Ee, Accredited AOS Judge & President COC
AOS MEMBERS ONLY

Wednesday, October 5th @ 830pm
Those Amazing Masdevallias
w/ Sandra Svoboda, AOS Judge & AOS Past President
AOS MEMBERS ONLY



RAFFLE TABLE RAMBLINGS

by Paula Paye

Recently a neighbor stopped by to see my orchid collection and one of her questions was, "Where do I get my orchids?" and I said, "The raffle table at our Orchid Society meeting." Of course, there are many different sources from which to grow your collection, but for me, in the beginning, and now 5 years later it is still exciting to win a new orchid while helping our Society prosper.

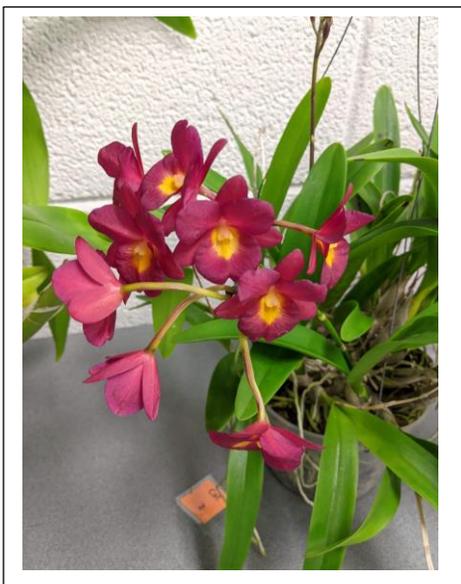
I hope you take time to review your Orchid Collection and share with the raffle table. We are looking for the ones that got too big this summer and you would like to share some divisions. Or the ones that just aren't thriving in your conditions. Or the ones that just bloom all the time and you are tired of seeing the same flowers for months on end. Okay, that last suggestion is a stretch, but it will certainly be welcome! Let's help our newer members grow their collections!

Our August donations included:

- An indoor grow light donated by me. Congratulations to April Saas on that win.
- Miscellaneous Orchid growing supplies from Carol's estate thanks to Polly Kopka. Many winners of those items.
- Brandy Morris brought in some cuttings from her collection. Shared by many.
- April Saas brought in current issues of the beautiful AOS magazine to share.

Thanks to all and looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting! (Bring Orchids to donate)

Happy Growing,
Paula Paye



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

SHOW TABLE WINNERS August 2022

Show Table results tabulated and reported each month by Jane Ranney.

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

	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
<u>Standard Size Best in Show Table -</u>		
	L. purpurata carnea (Orchid Trail x Hihimanu)	Pam Layne
Second	tie` den 2	No entry
	Miltassia CMFitch 'Izumi'	Laura Elliott

Class Winners - Standard Size

Bulbophyllum/Cirro

First Bulb Frank Smith Christine Brueck

Cattleya/Br/LC alliance

First L. purpurata carnea (Orchid Trail x Hihimanu) Pam Layne
Second Myrmec. Mem. Louise Fuchs Ibasco & Googe

Dendrobium

First No entry
Second Den Blue Spin Joyce Pennock

Encyclia/Epidendrum/Maxillaria

First Enc. Phoenicea Ibasco & Googe

Oncidium/Odon/Brassia Alliance

First tie Bella Marfitch Howards Dream' Rebecca Taylor
Miltassia CMFitch 'Izumi' Laura Elliott

Phalanopsis

First Dtps Star's Silence Night Paula Paye
Second Phal. N.O.I.D. Polly Kopka

Vanda/Ascocendra/Aerides Alliance

First Perreiraara Ropeapath 'Birdie' Ibasco & Googe
Second Vandachostylis Conference Gold Ibasco & Googe

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

Miniature to Small Size Best in Show Table -

First Ctsm Russ Wood Ibasco & Googe
Second Tol. Jairak Firm Butterfly Ibasco & Googe

Class Winners - Miniature to Small Size

Dendrobium Mini

First Den lamyaiiae Paula Paye

Tolumnia

First Tol. Jairak Firm Butterfly Ibasco & Googe
Second Psychmorchis (oncidium) pusilla Paula Paye

All Other rare, mini

First Ctsm Russ Wood Ibasco & Googe

Member	Previous	August	Total
Christine Brueck	38	10	48
Karen Carson	5		5
Laura Elliott	61	15	76
Barb Flynn	30		30
Bob Heinisch	10		10
Jonathan Ibasco	88	36	124
Polly Kopka		8	8
Jim Lanier	20		20
Pam Layne	104	20	124
Grace Manaker	16		16
Kat McGrath	10		10
Brandy Morris	28		28
Laura Overstreet	16	5	21
Paula Paye	197	18	215
Joyce Pennock	84	8	92
Jane Ranney	20		20
Jeannie Richardson	5		5
Fritz Rhode	18		18
Carol Shores	8		8
Kelly Smith	59		59
Rebecca Taylor	8	10	18
Steve & Karen Tobiassen	106		106
John & Nancy Weatherington	44		44
Karen Zopf	10		10



All pictures by Barb Flynn and Pam Layne



SAVE THE DATE

An American Orchid Society Judged Show



FALL FOR ORCHIDS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
10 AM - 6 PM | 10 AM - 3 PM

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This day-long seminar is designed for **everyone**, beginner to experienced, interested in learning more about growing and **blooming** orchids better **at home**. Speakers will **conduct** workshops on the most common orchids available in local stores and garden centers.

When: Saturday, October 22, 2022; 9:00 – 9:30 A.M. (Registration) to 3:00 P.M.

Where: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1601 Raeford Rd., Fayetteville, NC. 28305.

Cost: \$40.00 (Fee includes seminar materials, lunch and an orchid plant to take home).
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Steve Arthur
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** For additional information and Pre- registration for this event; please contact Susan Makar; (910) 286-6419; samakar1516@yahoo.com

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