



CFOS Newsletter

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CAPE FEAR ORCHID SOCIETY



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APRIL BRINGERS

(WHO BRINGS SNACKS)

The following volunteered:

Fred Norris- drink

Joyce Pennock - snack

All are asked to help clean up the area you were sitting in and see where else needs attention. Thanks.



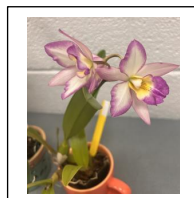
NEXT MEETING

7:00 pm April 10

THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS AT Lutheran Church of Reconciliation, 7500 Market St, Wilmington NC 28403

6:30 Doors Open. Show Table set up.

7:00 Meeting Starts. Bring plants to swap or sell and socialize with members. See article ON PAGE 6



CLUB OFFICERS

President: John Wetherington

Vice President open

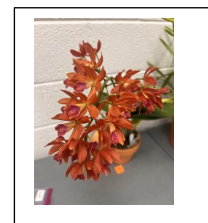
Treasurer: Laura Overstreet

Secretary: Kat McGrath

AOS Rep: Jan Schwab

Member at Large: Nancy Wetherington

Past President: Pam Layne



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A "thanks" goes out to Laura Overstreet who headed up the BBOD fund raising event and worried enough for all of us. With a very successful BBOD behind us, it's time to appreciate Spring. Spring - a time of renewal. A time of repotting, new growth, and new blossoms. Also, a time of hungry insects. If anyone has a good solution for scale please let me know. It's not easy when you want instant gratification. Having re-read several "Orchids 101" type

articles I've decided I need even more lights. Over the winter I added grow lights to my sun porch. (Kicking and screaming all the way.) They've helped keep the plants growing, but the next step is to get them to bloom reliably.

MINUTES MARCH 13, 2024 MEETING

Mar 13, 2024, President John Wetherington called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

- I. Introduction
 - a. Welcome visitors 28 total in attendance, William Glover new member.
 - b. April meeting at church. May and June probably at Arboretum
- II. Minutes of last month's meeting
 - a. Distributed in the latest newsletter. ACCEPTED by acclimation.
- III. Treasurer's report - Laura Overstreet final numbers for BBOD not in yet, but we had 80 attendees.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Dues are due.
 - b. BBOD supplies & orchids for sale.
- V. New Business
 - a. Tonight: Potting workshop led by Paula Paye.
- VI. Show table -
 - a. Asked to admire & vote.



Respectfully submitted,

Kat McGrath, Secretary

BBOD Treasurer's Report and Thank You

I am happy to report that Big Bloomin' Orchid Day was a huge success. We had 80 attendees including a Wallaby and the cutest flamingo slippers ever seen anywhere! Our youngest member, Evelyne, Tammy's pre-teen granddaughter, was a dynamo helping everywhere. I am happy to report that we made \$3600 profit. This will go a long way to paying for the quality speakers we want to bring you each month.

Thanks to all who worked so hard for a very long time planning and organizing and to those who made the food and staffed the event, and solicited for and donated raffle items, and came and supported us with their attendance. Why do we need money? A normal year of having quality speakers can cost thousands of dollars. (We pay the speaker their requested fee which can be \$100, \$150. or \$250. We pay our part of their transportation to Wilmington, treat them to supper and pay for their overnight hotel. One speaker can cost \$500-\$1000. Dues and raffle don't cover that.

Laura Overstreet, CFOS Treasurer

FREE *ORCHIDS* MAGAZINE

https://go.aos.org/freeissue201808?utm_source=free-issue&utm_medium=website&utm_term=august-2018&utm_campaign=join

Please note. Photos this month were taken by Pam Layne, Kat McGrath and Molly Wilhelm - Star News

All About Orchids: AOS checklist April

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/march-april-checklist.aspx>

AOS WEBINARS

Member Only Wed Apr 3, 7-9 pm EST. Judges Forum. Cheryl Erins

Member Only Fri Apr 5, 9 am EST. AOS Meeting of the Members. Cheryl Erins

Member Only Wed Apr 10, 8:30 pm EST. Greenhouse Chat. Ron McHatton

Member Only Wed Apr 17, 8:30 pm EST. Viruses in Orchids, Symptoms, Spread and Sanitation. John Hammond

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

RAFFLE TABLE RAMBLINGS

Hello Everyone! The Raffle Table is back this month! A big THANK-YOU to everyone that helped with the Raffle table at BBOD. It was a huge success! Another big THANK-YOU to member Karen Miles with her donation of a large beautiful Australian Dendrobium. This plant had been divided and divisions will be available for Raffle!

Looking forward to seeing you again in April!

Grow happy,

Paula Paye

Raffle Table Coordinator

CFOS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Webmaster - Andrew Price

Newsletter Editor - Kat McGrath

Hospitality Chair - Nancy Wetherington

Big Blooming Orchid Day - Laura Overstreet

Program Chair - Pam Layne

Publicity Chair - Christine Kim

Show Table Coordinator - Jane Ranney

Raffle Table - Paula Paye

Auditor - Martha Conner



Jon and Paula repotting and showing off the results.



Paula repotting

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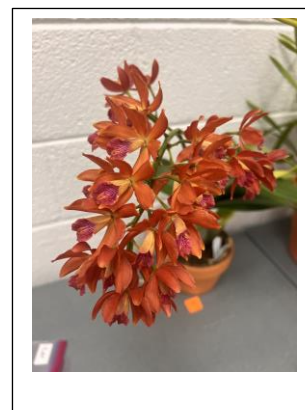
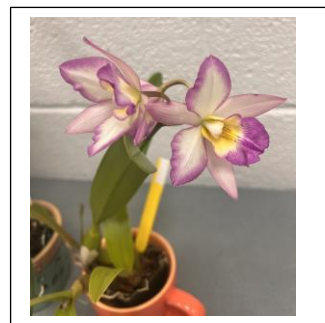
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AOS REP WORDS OF WISDOM

From Jan Schwab



Phalaenopsis

In most of the country, March is the peak blooming month for phalaenopsis. Staking needs to be carefully attended to, so that the flowers will be displayed at their best for orchid shows and judging -- even those intended for your home will look best if properly staked. One of the most decorative aspects of phalaenopsis spikes is the way they gracefully arch. If not staked properly, the spike will lack this grace and will not be as pleasing. Most growers like to have the final support just below the first flower, allowing maximum support, without sacrificing the beauty of the arching spike.

Rapid-growing spikes and open flowers place extra demands on the plant. Careful monitoring of watering and feeding will give the plants the energy they require to give their best floral display. Remember, too, that the lengthening days will also increase the frequency at which plants need water.

Beware of the invasion of sucking pests that accompany the flowering season. Flowers and spikes are favorite targets of mealybugs and scales. Be on the lookout for their presence, often indicated by the appearance of sooty mold resulting from the exudate of the bugs, and treat before flowers or buds are too advanced. If flowers and buds are too far along, the chemical treatment may damage or abort them.

HOW TO REACH CFOS

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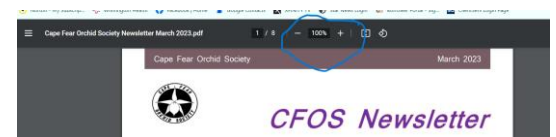
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

**April 10 - Lutheran Church
of Reconciliation**

May 15 - Arboretum

June 12 - Arboretum

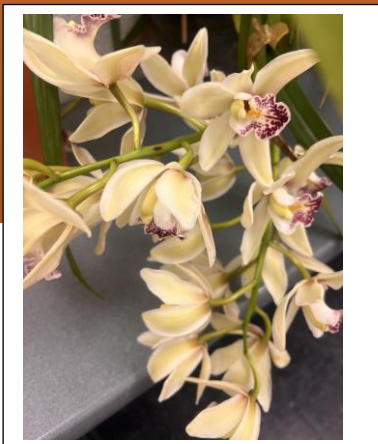
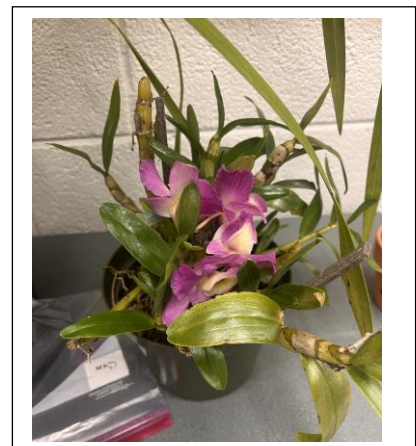
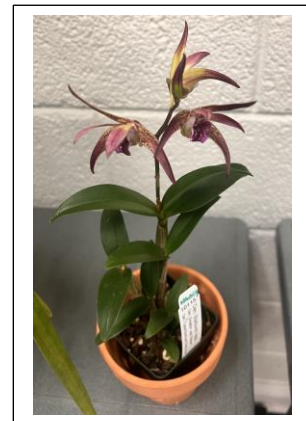
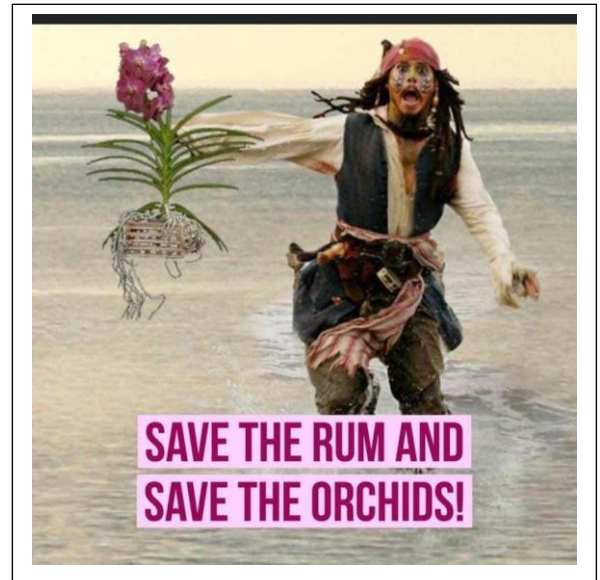
APRIL PROGRAM NOTES

FROM PAM LAYNE

We have 15 new members sign up at our BBOD, March 9th. We want to extend a warm welcome to them and to our returning members. We are going to do something a little different at the next meeting. We have heard that some of the members, old and new, would like to get to meet each other; this meeting is going to be a “social” one. It’s not meant to be stressful for those of you that don’t like to speak in front of others, but a friendly one where you get to meet new friends that have a similar interest...growing orchids! Also, if you have orchids or plants that you want to sell, or trade, please bring them, please make sure that they don’t have any little critters on them. You can also ask questions and get to know a little more about the club.

We will still have the Raffle and Show Tables so if you have anything you want to donate for the Raffle Table, please bring it and give it to Paula Paye. Bring your blooming orchids for the Show Table and don’t forget to fill out the “Exhibitor’s Entry Sheet.” Jane Ranney will be there to help you place your orchids and assist if you need help filling out your entry sheet.

Don’t worry we’ve got 5+ speakers lined up for the rest of the year along with an Ice-cream Social and a Christmas Party to finish the year off.

**ORCHID HUMOR**

CFOS Show Table Winners February 2024

Compiled by Jane Ranney

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>		
First Tie	Cymbidium N.O.I.D. (3)	Nancy Wetherington
	Cattleya Ptarmigan Ridge 'Mendenhall' (1)	Pam Layne

Class Winners - Standard Size

Cattlea/L/Br/Soph Alliance

First	Cattleya Ptarmigan Ridge 'Mendenhall'	Pam Layne
Second	Epc Kyozechu 'Peter's Pick x Lx Florence	
	Lin 'Diamond Orchids'	Paula Paye

Cymbidium

First Tie	N.O.I.D.	Pam Layne
	N.O.I.D.	Nancy Wetherington

Dendrobium

First	Den. Starburst Vista	Nancy Wetherington
Second	Den. Strawberry Red	Laura Overstreet

Encyclia/Epidendrum/Maxillaria

First	Epi Wedding Valley 'Yubanal'	Pam Layne
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Oncidium/Odont/Brassia Alliance

First	Oncidium Brnfd Gildrd Tower	Laura Overstreet
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Phalenopsis

First	Yaphon Green Batman	Brandy Morris
Second	Phal. N.O.I.D.	Karen Zopf

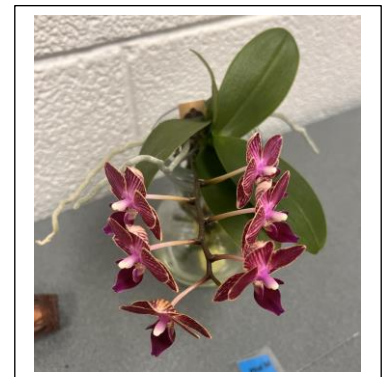
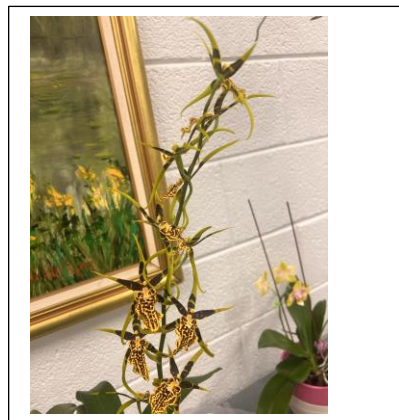
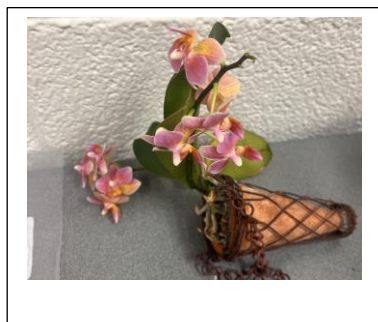
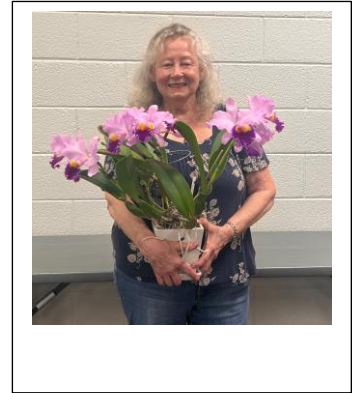
Small Best in Show

First	Bellini x Moroccan	Karen Zopf
Second	Phal N.O.I.D.	Brandy Morris

SHOW TABLE POINTS FEBRUARY 2024

Compiled by Jane Ranney

Member	Previous	March	Total
Laura Elliott	43		43
Dawn Hoback	8		8
Polly Kopka	15		15
Jim Lanier	5		5
Pam Layne	20	30	50
Brandy Morris	17	13	30
David Nunamacher	10		10
Laura Overstreet	33	13	46
Paula Paye	35	8	43
Joyce Pennock	34		34
Jan Schwab	33		33
Steve & Karen Tobiassen	10		10
Nancy Wetherington	13	15	28
Karen Zopf		23	23



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