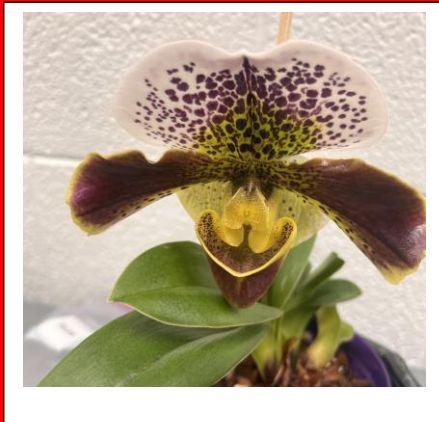




# CFOS Newsletter

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CAPE FEAR ORCHID SOCIETY



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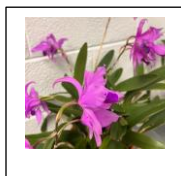
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### DECEMBER BRINGERS

#### (WHO BRINGS SNACKS)

Holiday Party!! Laura Elliott, holiday party chairperson, will be reaching out to us all to remind us what item(s) we signed up for! If you did not sign up, please reach out to Laura so she can set you up with the right item to bring.

[lauralizards@gmail.com](mailto:lauralizards@gmail.com)



### NEXT MEETING

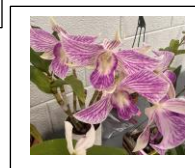
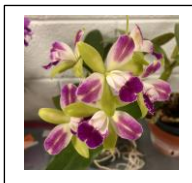
#### HOLIDAY PARTY

**6:00 PM WED 12/6/23**

Lutheran Church of Reconciliation.  
7500 Market St.

4:00 Doors Open for setup.

6:00 Party Starts



### 2023 CLUB OFFICERS

President: John Wetherington

Vice President:

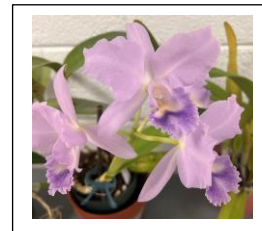
Treasurer: Laura Overstreet

Secretary: Linda Swanson

AOS Rep: needed

Member at Large: Kat McGrath

Past President: Pam Layne



# Minutes General Meeting November 15, 2023

President John Wetherington called the meeting to order and welcomed guests Karen Miles and John, both experienced orchid growers.

The Minutes of the October meeting were approved by acclamation.

The Treasurer, Laura Overstreet, reported all is in good shape.

### **New business**

John introduced the nominated officers for 2024,

- President—John Worthington
- Vice President—Paula Paye
- Treasurer—Laura Overstreet
- Secretary—Kat McGrath

and asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations, and the slate was elected by acclamation. Installation of officers will be at the December meeting/Holiday party on December 6.

The position of AOS Rep, a nonelected board position, is still open. Please contact any board member to volunteer.

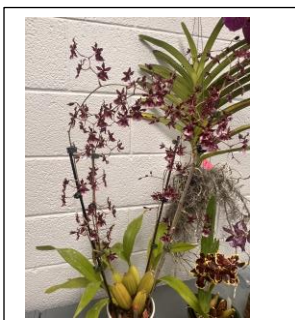
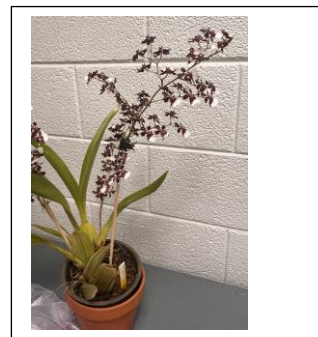
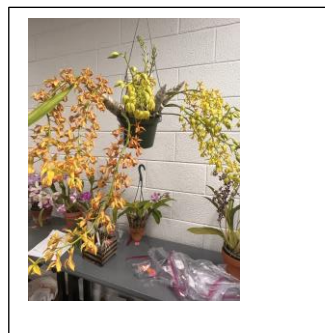
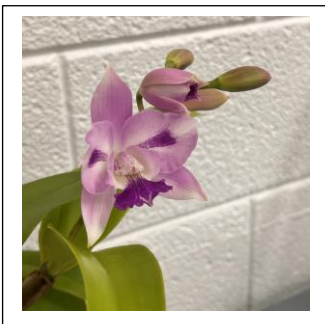
The December meeting/Holiday party will be held on December 6 at the Lutheran Church of the Reconciliation at 7500 Market Street. Set up starts at 4:00 and the food will be served at 6:00. A signup sheet for food donations circulated, but if you missed it, please e-mail Laura Elliott at [lauraslizards@gmail.com](mailto:lauraslizards@gmail.com)

Support the raffle table.

Vote on the show table

John introduced our speaker Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids.

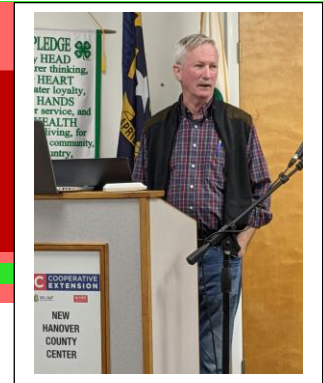
Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Swanson



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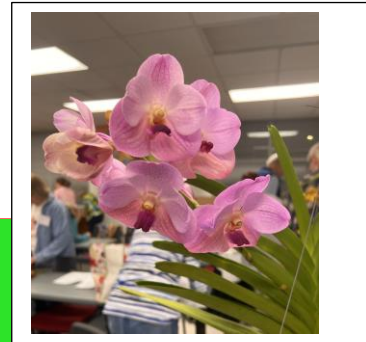


## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Just a short note to thank all of you who have worked to support our love of orchids. Many have helped throughout the past year. More are helping still. If it's bringing refreshments or bring beautiful orchids to brag about or serving in an elected capacity, it all goes towards having a successful orchid society. As Hillary-the -Hun said, "It takes a village..." There's still more to do. Thanks.

John Wetherington  
CFOS President



## HOW TO REACH CFOS

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Web Page: [capefearorchid.com](http://capefearorchid.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064852324283>



## HOLIDAY PARTY DETAILS

The CFOS 2023 Holiday Party is December 6 at 6:00 at the Lutheran Church of Reconciliation, 7500 Market Street in the Bayshore section of Wilmington.

Doors will open at 4:00. Nancy Wetherington, CFOS Martha Stewart, will be decorating, and she could use some help setting up tables and tablecloths, chairs, decorations, etc. at that time.

There will be a Show Table, so bring your bloomers!

Laura Elliott, food organizer extraordinaire, will arrive at 4:30. Please plan your arrival to leave enough time to warm your food if necessary.

Food will be served at 6.

If you plan to attend and did not sign the food chart at the November meeting, reach out to Laura Elliot at [lauraslizards@gmail.com](mailto:lauraslizards@gmail.com) and she will give you some idea of what to bring. Laura will be in touch around 12/3 via email, text, or phone call to confirm with everyone that has already signed up.

There will be a **SUPER** raffle. Please see Paula's **RAFFLE RAMBLINGS** article elsewhere for further details.

The new officers will be announced and installed at the end of the party.



**CFOS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

AOS Representative - needed  
 Webmaster - Andrew Price  
 Newsletter Editor - Kat McGrath  
 Hospitality Chair - Nancy Wetherington  
 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

**ORCHID HUMOR**



**Nice to Know About....**

**MONTHLY ORCHID CARE CHECKLIST**

[HTTPS://WWW.AOS.ORG/ORCHIDS/SEASONAL-ORCHID-CARE/NOVEMBER-DECEMBER-CHECKLIST.ASPX](https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/november-december-checklist.aspx)



*Carter and Holmes*  
**ORCHIDS**

*Plant Sitting and Boarding for Orchids and Tropical Plants*

Fees and Guidelines:

- We are offering bench space in blocks of 5 square feet for \$25, or 10 square feet for \$50, billed monthly. Minimum charge is \$25.00.
- Current space is located in one of our secure stock greenhouses.* Larger spaces are available. This growing space is perfect for most Ladyslippers, Large and Small Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, Oncidiums and similar genera.
- We will tend your plants with proper watering, fertilizing, grooming, any needed insecticide or fungicide treatments and lots of TLC. *Boarding customers will be notified by phone or email to pick-up plants coming into bloom. Care instruction handouts available upon request.*

## RAFFLE TABLE RAMBLINGS

November's Raffle Table rehoming program was a huge success. Thanks to all who donated. I hope the green babies are settling in well at their new homes.

For December, we are going to do something a little different. There will be an enhanced raffle, like a white elephant exchange. You will be able to CHOOSE the item you would like to win. If you have something that would like a new owner, bring it! It's always fun when there are a lot of items and a lot of winners. Your items do not need to be orchid or plant related. Tickets will be sold the same as we do for our regular raffle table but put into cups placed in front of the item. A winner will be drawn from each cup. So, the strategy here is to buy lots of tickets and load up the cup with the item you want to win. Easy peasy.



Merry Christmas and Happy Growing!

**Paula Paye**  
**Raffle Table Chairperson**



### IN THE MAIL BAG

Greetings,

Once again, Virginia Orchid Society would like to invite you to participate in our orchid show and sales on February 23-25, 2024 with the set-up day Thursday, February 22. The orchid show is themed "Orchids: Let's Celebrate" and will be at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. This beautiful location drew many thousands of people to see the orchid displays at our show in March of this year. We are excited about having an even better show this coming year. There will be a lecture hall for speakers and expanded space for vendors. Lewis Ginter supports the show with resources and ample PR. Please let us know if we can look forward to your society's interest in putting on a display and participating overall in this year's show.

Robert Rand, Visiting Society Committee Chair  
[RobertRand41@comcast.net](mailto:RobertRand41@comcast.net)

# SHOW TABLE WINNERS November 2023

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

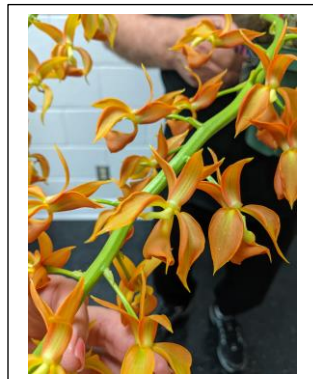
## Show Table - Standard Size Plants (over 10 inches tall or wide)

	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
<b><u>Standard Size Best in Show Table</u></b>		
First	<b>Mormodes Jumbo Bagons 'Karen Tobiassen'</b>	<b>Karen &amp; Steve Tobiassen</b>
Second tie	Ansellia Africana	Paula Paye
	Vanda Viboon x Blitz's Heartrob	Paula Paye
<b><u>Class Winners - Standard Size</u></b>		
<b>Bulbophyllum</b>		
First	Bulbo rothschildianum	Jan Schwab
Second	Bulbo. Elizabeth Ann 'Jean'	Nancy Wetherington
<b>Cattlea/L/Br/Soph Alliance</b>		
First	Blc Ten Corona 'Green Genie'	Nancy Wetherington
Second	C. bowringiana x L anceps 'Rigliana'	Pam Layne
<b>Dendrobium</b>		
First	No Entry	
Second	No Entry	
<b>Encyc/ Epidendrum, Maxillaria</b>		
First	Ancellja Africana	Paula Paye
<b>Gongora/Cyno/Stanhopia Alliance</b>		
First	Mormodes Jumbo Bagons 'Karen Tobiassen'	Karen & Steve Tobiassen
<b>Miltonia</b>		
First	No Entry	
<b>Oncidium</b>		
First	Odcdm Wildcat 'Golden Red Star'	Laura Elliott
Second	Heaven Scent Sweet Baby	Laura Overstreet
<b>Paph</b>		
First	Paph Luther Pass	Laura Elliott
<b>Unusual Rare</b>		
First	No entry	
<b>Vanda/Asco/Aerides Alliance</b>		
First	Vanda Viboon x Blitz's Heartrob	Paula Paye
Second	Vanda Sanderiana x Jiraprapa	Ibasco/Gooch
<b>Neofinetia</b>		
First	Chrissnettia Green Light	Laura Overstreet

## SHOW TABLE POINTS November 2023

Member	Previous	November	Total
Christine Brueck	50		50
Laura Elliott	72	15	65
Barb Flynn	5		5
Ibasco/Gooch	81	5	86
Polly Kopka	15		15
Jim Lanier	42		42
Pam Layne	153	8	161
Lyndon McCall	5		5
Laura Overstreet	60	25	85
Paula Paye	318	20	338
Joyce Pennock	124	5	129
Byron Price	10		10
Jane Ranney	13	5	18
Jan Schwab	8	10	18
Rebecca Taylor	8	5	13
Steve & Karen Tobiassen	78	20	98
Nancy Weatherington	57	13	70
Karen Zopf	8		8

Pictures this month by Pam Layne and editor except if otherwise noted





**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 10 AT THE  
ARBORETUM. SPEAKER TO BE  
ANNOUNCED.  
GROWER OF THE YEAR AWARDED**

**HOLD THE DATE  
2023 BIG BLOOMIN' ORCHID  
DAY  
SATURDAY MARCH 11,8-2  
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF  
RECONCILIATION  
DETAILS WILL FOLLOW**

### AOS Webinar

NEXT AOS WEBINAR...

**Wednesday,  
January 3rd, 2024  
8:30 PM EST  
AOS Greenhouse Chat  
with Ron McHatton**

Join Dr. Ron McHatton as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Please send your question and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by January 1, 2024.

**REGISTER NOW**



## FOR SALE

Our new member Lyndon McCall has blooming and budding Cattleyas for sale. They start at \$35. The buds should open by Christmas. He lives near Wallace.

Contact him directly to arrange a visit to his greenhouse.

Lyndon McCall / Warsaw Nursery  
[Mobile] +1 910-477-1527



## MEET A MEMBER WITH A FUN FACT



John Wetherington

“My family has been in eastern NC since the 1720s. I’ve traveled extensively throughout US and international most of my life. I enjoy history and volunteer at Brunswicktown/Fort Anderson. My family has served the US in every armed onflict since the French and Indian War.”

NOVEMBER'S  
SPEAKER, FRED  
CLARKE, TALK  
AND VISIT TO  
PAULA'S  
GREENHOUSE



**YOUR AOS** NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

American Orchid Society  
Education. Conservation. Research.

Dear Orchid Friend,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you today on behalf of **Your** American Orchid Society, our passionate community of orchid enthusiasts and conservationists. As you know, **Your** AOS relies on your generous support to continue our vital mission, and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you why your contribution is so important.

For over 100 years, **Your** AOS has been a beacon of knowledge and support for orchid lovers. We are dedicated to the promotion, preservation, and appreciation of orchids. Your support can help us continue to develop new initiatives that support your membership:

1. **Orchid Conservation:** **Your** AOS is actively involved in orchid conservation efforts, working to protect and restore endangered orchid species and their habitats. One of our efforts is to raise funds for several orchid habitats, in conjunction with the Smithsonian's NAOCC, North American Orchid Conservation Center, and other organizations.
2. **Education:** What better way to support the AOS than through its education program for young people. Students at several schools are raising orchids as part of a scientific curriculum where students learn about our vanishing resources.
3. **Research:** We are expanding our knowledge and understanding of orchids, by helping to fund students studying growth habits, habitat changes, and genetic diversity.
4. **Community:** **Your** AOS connects you with other orchid enthusiasts around the world, and provides a platform for sharing knowledge and experiences. Your donation will help us maintain our community programs, such as our affiliated local orchid societies, judging, and our new website coming soon. It is **Your** AOS!

Your contribution, no matter the size, will make a meaningful impact. By donating to **your** AOS, you are not only supporting the world of orchids, the broader cause of environmental conservation and supporting new member initiatives. To make a donation, please visit our website at [AOS.org](https://www.aos.org). You can also mail a donation to American Orchid Society, PO Box 565477, Miami, FL 33256-5477.

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and your U.S. contribution is tax-deductible. In addition, you may now make a donation directly as part of your annual mandated 401K distribution, and you will not be subject to any taxes.

In advance, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support of the American Orchid Society. Please remember, this is **YOUR AOS**, with your help, we can develop and support new member initiatives, and work towards our mission of preserving and promoting these exquisite plants for generations to come.

Warmest regards for the holiday season for you and yours,

Jay Balchan, President