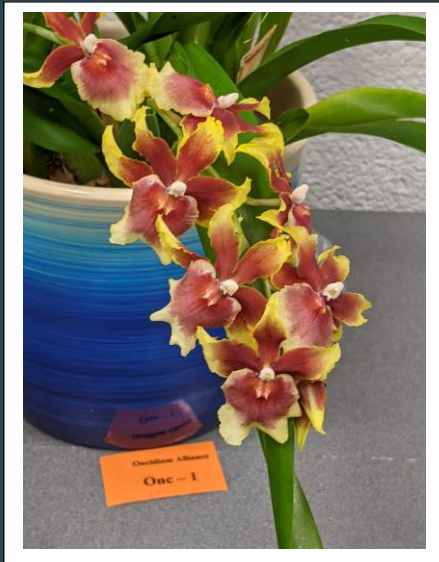




CFOS Newsletter

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CAPE FEAR ORCHID SOCIETY



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FEBRUARY BRINGERS

(WHO BRINGS SNACKS)

Laura Elliott - Snacks

Jan Schwab - Drinks

Remember to clean up the area you were sitting in and see where else needs attention. Thanks.

NEXT MEETING

7:00PM WED 2/15/23

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 Fritz Rohde,
"John's Green
Swamp"

CLUB OFFICERS

President: John Wetherington

Vice President: Kim Little

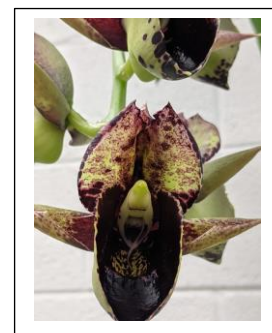
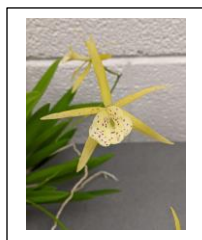
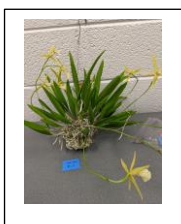
Treasurer: Laura Overstreet

Secretary: Linda Swanson

AOS Rep: April Saas

Member at Large: Kat McGrath

Past President: Pam Layne



Minutes General Meeting January 11, 2023

President Wetherington opened the meeting by reminding the membership to sign up to bring treats to the monthly meeting.

The minutes as published in the newsletter were accepted by acclamation.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by acclamation.

President Wetherington thanked all members who helped with the Christmas Party.

The Grower of the Year ceremony began by presenting certificates to former Growers of the Year who are still members of the club:

- 2013-14 Joyce Pennock
- 2015 Steve Tobiassen
- 2017 Pam Layne
- 2019 Tyler Googe and Jonathan Ibasco



Finally, the 2022 Grower of the Year, Paula Paye, was presented with a certificate and the traveling trophy. Paula thanked her mentors, Jonathan and Tyler.



The president then introduced the officers who had been installed in December:

- President John Wetherington
- Vice President Kim Little
- Treasurer Laura Overstreet
- Secretary Linda Swanson
- Kat McGrath Member at Large
- AOS Rep April Sass

Visitor Edward McCaleb was introduced and encouraged to join the society.

Treasurer and BBOD chairman Laura Overstreet asked the membership to begin talking up the Big Bloomin' Orchid Day coming up on March 11. Refreshment chairman Laura Elliott asked that the members sign up to donate refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Swanson, secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's now February, and you've no doubt heard that this year's Big Bloomin' Orchid Day is coming soon. This is a very important event for our Orchid Society. It is our primary fund raiser for the year - raising the money necessary to bring in nationally respected speakers on all things orchid. The committee is working hard to ensure this event is better than ever, and if you would like to volunteer to help either in the preparation for or during the event, please contact either myself or a committee member. Circle March 11th on your calendars.

Speaking of speakers, we will continue the theme of North Carolina orchids this month. Fritz Rohde is a charter member of the Cape Fear Orchid Society. He began photographing orchids and native plants as a teenager. Fritz is a fish biologist and for 25 years worked for the NC Division of Marine Fisheries in Wilmington. His talk should be very interesting.

John Wetherington
CFOS President

INTRODUCING OUR FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Fritz Rohde is our February speaker. Fritz is a founding member of CFOS at its inception in 1987. The topic title is "John Green's Swamp", and Fritz will be discussing the Green Swamp in Brunswick County which is known for Venus Flytraps and other insectivorous plants such as pitcher plants, sundew, butterworts, and bladderworts as well as local orchids.

Fritz is a charter member of the Cape Fear Orchid Society. When he was 13, Fritz attempted, unsuccessfully, to photograph a wild orchid in southern Canada with his brand new 35-mm camera. Thus began a life-long interest in native wildflowers. During a two-year exile in Boston in the early 1980s, he went to several Massachusetts Orchid Society meetings and caught the orchid bug. Over the years his collection has waxed and waned as he practiced the Darwinian method of orchid culture – survival of the fittest. Professionally, Fritz is a fish biologist and for 25 years worked for the NC Division of Marine Fisheries in Wilmington. He then 'retired' to take a position with NOAA Fisheries for the past 14 years working with migratory fishes and dams. Competing with orchids is his obsession with freshwater fishes and Fritz has studied and published on them from the Carolinas to the Amazon.

Check out his group's website: www.ncfishes.com.

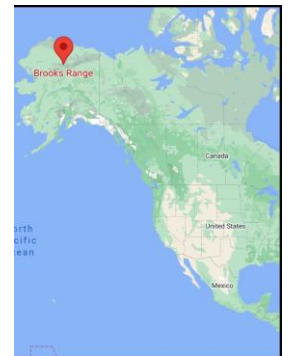
ORCHIDS OF THE ARCTIC

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American Orchid Society Representative

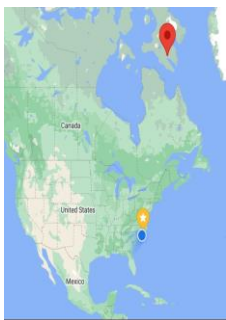
Orchids are the largest family of flowers on Earth. They can be found in almost every microclimate and are present on all continents except Antarctica. Seeing as how we are in the middle of our winter, I thought we would visit a few of the more cold-tolerant orchids of the world.

When we think of orchids, we generally think warm and tropical. This is not always the case. One would think that Hawaii has much more native orchid variety than Alaska. Hawaii stakes claim to only 3 indigenous species, while Alaska (surprisingly) recognizes 30 within the Bering Glacier Area (27 of which are found in the southeast section).

The Sparrow's Egg Lady Slipper is the "showiest" of the 3 orchids that are naturally found in the Brooks Range of far Northern Alaska (within the arctic circle). The mean January temperature of this area is -20°F. Snow falls in this area 9 months of the year.



Alaska is not the only area that is a home for arctic orchids. The arctic tundra of Baffin Island (off of the east coast of Canada) is host to 2 native species, the Northern Bog Orchid and the Northern Coral Root Orchid. The average temperature on Baffin Island is 18°F, with an overall range of 48°F to -27°F.



Hot, dry desert last month and now the cold, icy tundra. Orchid diversity is truly amazing.



Coralroot Trillium. Photo by Lorna Haskins

Sparrow's-egg lady's-slipper



Northern Bog Orchid
(*Platanthera obtusata*)





2023
**BIG BLOOMIN'
 ORCHID**
DAY presented by
 the Cape Fear Orchid Society

**Saturday, March 11
 8am - 2pm**

Lutheran Church of Reconciliation
 7500 Market St., Wilmington, NC 28411

*Doors open at 8am / Receive a free blooming size orchid
 Orchids and supplies will be available for purchase
 Food and beverages will be served
 We will be accepting cash, check and credit card*

PRESENTATIONS

- Growing and Repotting Orchids in the Home**
 – Jeff & Jennifer Gibby
- Mounting Orchids** – Jim Lanier
- Pests and Diseases** – Tyler Googe & Jon Ibasco

REGISTER ONLINE AT

www.capefearorchid.org
 or by mail

Tickets plus processing fees
\$35
 \$40 at the door

CFOS Bloomin' Day Registration Form:
 Register before March 5

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

*Make checks payable to: Cape Fear Orchid Society
 Mail to: Laura Overstreet / 237 Cherokee Trail / Wilmington, NC 28409
 Contact: 910-395-2101*



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

ORCHID HUMOR



Nice to Know About....



Tidewater | Tidewater Camellia Club | United States

The Tidewater Camellia Club is a local society, affiliated with the American Camellia Society. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. from September through April in the New Hanover County Arboretum (6206 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, NC)

www.tidewatercamellioclub.org

73rd Camellia Festival Show & Sale

*Saturday, February 25, 2023
Arboretum 6206 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC*

FREE ADMISSION!!

Camellia Plant Sale Opens at 11 AM

***Camellia Bloom Show Entry
8 AM - 10AM (Open to Public)***

***Judged Camellia Bloom Display
12:30 PM - 4 PM***

***Camellia College
Talk to Experts & Tours: 10 AM - 4 PM***

***Family Activities & Children's Art
12:30 PM - 4 PM***

RAFFLE TABLE RAMBLINGS

Happy Valentine's Day Orchid Lovers!
February is the month of LOVE so let's spread it on thick this month with love offerings to the raffle table.

- We LOVE anything you have extra to donate and think someone else would like to win!
- We LOVE seeing you each month!
- We LOVE how you support OUR Club!
- We LOVE your generosity!

As a reminder, LOVE offerings to the Raffle table help to fund our Club.

Many Thanks and With LOVE,
Paula Paye
Raffle Table Chairperson



From time-to-time CFOS gets requests to speak to Garden Clubs in the area. For about the last 4 or 5 years Laura Overstreet and I have been doing the honors. This year we have 2 talks booked and are waiting to hear about a third. We just finished our first one for 2023 on January 17th at Loblolly Garden Club in downtown Wilmington. Our next one is March 15th for the Porter's Neck Garden Club. Jan Denney (past Newsletter Editor) and Arlene Hubner (past President)

did the honors for years and made up the flip chart that we use today. We talk about growing orchids in the home and their care, and touch on repotting. It is always a pleasure to meet and speak with others that like growing plants and we hope to impart a little knowledge and pique their interest in this beautiful and diverse Orchidaceae family. If anyone else would like to do these presentations we would love to have you step forward, it is a great experience.

By Pam Layne

Picture by Pam Layne, Loblolly Garden Club



SHOW TABLE WINNERS January 2023

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>
Standard Size Best in Show Table -		
First	Den. Stardust 'Stephen Tobiassen' CEE/AM AOS	Karen & Steve Tobiassen
Second	Angraecum sesquipedale	Paula Paye

Class Winners - Standard Size

Cattleya/Br/LC alliance

First	Bl. Yellow Bird	Pam Layne
Second	Brassavola "Little Stars"	Jane Ranney

Dendrobium

First	Den Stardust 'Stephen Tobiassen' Cee/AM AOS	Karen & Steve Tobiassen
Second	Den . Mini Snowflake x NIDA	Jim Lanier

Gongora/ Cyno/ Stanhopia

First	Fred Clarke RA After Dark 'Pearl'	Karen & Steve Tobiassen
Second	Ctsm Orchiglates "Jack of Diamonds"	Paula Paye

Jewel/Other Terrestrial

First	Ludisia discolor	Paula Paye
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Oncidium/Odon/Brassia Alliance

First	Onc 1 no entry	
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Best in Show Table - Miniature to Small Size Plants (under 10 inches wide or tall)

Miniature to Small Size Best in Show Table

Three way tie and	Onc. Twinkle 'Pink Profusion'	Pam Layne
For 1 st mini	Encyclia polybulban	Paula Paye
	Onc. Twinkle 'Fantasy'	Paula Paye

SHOW TABLE POINTS January 2023

Member	January
Jim Lanier	8
Pam Layne	25
Paula Paye	61
Jane Ranney	8
Steve & Karen Tobiassen	25



Den. Stardust 'Stephen Tobiassen' CEE/AM AOS



Onc Twinkle Pink Perfusion & Encyclia polybulban



Onc. Twinkle 'Fantasy'

All pictures this month by Pam Layne except if noted otherwise.

**ALSO NICE TO KNOW
ABOUT**

February Update from Kelly Smith

Orchids make a great Valentine's gift! If you would like to treat yourself or a loved one to a new orchid, please email me and I can send information and pictures of plants in bud and bloom. Decorative containers and planters are available as well.

Kelly Smith

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& Owner of Botanic Synergy LLC

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**MYRTLE BEACH
ORCHID SOCIETY**

<https://myrtlebeachorchidsociety.org/>

**FEBRUARY MEETING
2/18/23**

Meeting dates are on the 3rd, Saturday of each month except July and August, at Faith Presbyterian Church, 805 79th Ave N., Myrtle Beach at 2:00pm



**Orchid
Digest**

**The Orchid Digest Presents the 65th
Paphiopedilum Guild Meeting**

February 18, 2023

Hybrid Event: In-person and Virtual

Recording available to all!

VIRTUAL REGISTRATION HERE

Questions? Contact info@orchiddigest.org

VIRGINIA ORCHID SOCIETY

Orchid Enchantment month of March at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden will be opened by Virginia Orchid Society Show and Sale themed "Under Their Spell". March 3-5, 2023, at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden 1800



Lakeside Ave, Richmond, VA

www.lewisginter.org

Friday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join us to admire hundreds of blooming orchids that have been

judged by the American Orchid Society, in displays at the Conservatory (requires Garden admission).

Free admission to the vendors and lectures area in the Kelly Education Building, where you can buy orchids and learn how to grow them.

Vendors list and lectures schedule will be posted on www.vaorchidsociety.org & www.lewisginter.org



MEET A MEMBER WITH A FUN FACT

Webinars

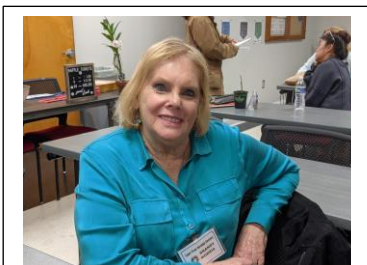
Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY <https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>
 Cannot make on the scheduled date and time. No need to worry.
 Register now and view on your time schedule.
 Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org
 Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and indexed by topic for future viewing.

When	Feb. 07, 2023 8:30 pm EST Tuesday	Feb. 12, 2023 11 am-4 pm EST Sunday	Feb. 28, 2023 8:30 pm EST Tuesday	March 09, 2023 8:30 pm EST Thursday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your photos and questions by Feb. 05</i>	The Winter Blues Orchid Culture Day <i>Expressions of the Color Blue in Orchids</i>	The Culture Grid: Cultural Diversity in Orchids <i>A simplified approach</i>	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your photos and questions by March 07</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Fred Clarke Dr. Leslie Ee Rob Griesbach Carson Whitlow	Catherine Higgins Orchid Grower AOS Judge and Trustee	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

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

Brandy has a male Eclectus parrot named Echo that is a movie star!! He was in the movie, "Paws P.I." which is about a couple of children, a couple of dogs, and a parrot that try to save a mansion. Brandy is currently in Florida camping at this time!!



Brandy Morris

Winter Blues! [Join Us for the Next AOS Orchid Culture Day](#)

A Virtual Event

Sunday, February 12th starting at 10:00 AM CST/11:00 AM Eastern



These are the winter blues that we enjoy. Join Us

We are looking forward to this great lineup of Orchid Experts and their Blue talks



Fred Clarke – Sunset Valley Orchids

AOS Accredited judge, professional grower and hybridizer. His talk for this event is titled: *“Modern Blue Cattleyas”*

Fred has been growing orchids since 1977 and has been hybridizing for 43 of those years. With over 40 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new hybrids in the Catasetinae alliance and several others.



Carson Whitlow is best known for his work in hybridizing blue cattleyas in the 60's and his groundbreaking hybridizing of Cypripediums in the late 80's, early 90's. His topic for this day: "From the Beginning, Blue Cattleyas"

Carson's presentation chronicles the attempts to develop the color blue in Cattleyas up through his involvement in the late 1960s. He became interested in orchids in 1958 when he was a sophomore in college. From 1964 through 1969, he produced in excess of 60 blue cattleya hybrids, many of which are still in collections, arising from the original seedlings or as mericlones. Many are used as basic parents in today's blue Cattleya breeding.



Dr. Leslie Ee, AOS Accredited Judge and President of the Canadian Orchid Congress, world traveler and conservationist will speak about Blue Phalaenopsis and how Indigos can help in their hybridizing.

At present Leslie has over 500 plants, a majority of them select and heirloom Cattleya species, and three orchid tanks, including a cool tank with Dendrobium cuthbertsoniis. Leslie has given orchid presentations to many orchid societies and has written articles for orchid journals and projects. He is committed to the sharing of orchid knowledge and conservation efforts of local orchids around the world. His most recent trip was to observe and preserve the legacy of rare Cattleya eldorados in the deep Amazon jungles in Brazil.



Dr. Rob Griesbach, Active member of the American Orchid Society for over 40 years, serving as an Accredited Judge, member and chair of Research Committee, past-Trustee and past-President. His presentation will focus on the culture & hybridizing of blue flowers.

Rob has a Ph.D. in genetics and is retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS). At the USDA, his research focused on flower color genetics and plant breeding.

Do not miss this most interesting and informative speaker-day webinar! Spend the day with these orchid experts and learn about all things BLUE – history, hybridizing and of course, CULTURE!

[This virtual event is open to all – Cost is \\$30](#)

There are always a few surprises. Tell your Orchid friends!

Schedule (All times are Central Standard Time)

10:00 – 10:45 am Fred Clarke 10:45 – 11:00 am Q & A

11:00 – 11:15 am (Break)

11:15 – 12:00 Noon Carson Whitlow 12:00 Noon – 12:15 pm Q & A

12:15 – 12:30 pm (Break)

12:30 – 1:15 pm Leslie Ee 1:15 – 1:30 pm Q & A

1:30 – 1:45 pm (Break)

1:45 – 2:30 pm Rob Griesbach 2:30 – 2:45 pm Q & A

2:45 – 3:00 pm Wrap up

Join us Sunday, February 12th starting @ 10:00 AM Central (11:00 AM Eastern)

[This event will be held virtually using our GotoWebinar platform](#)

Unable to Join the Live Stream? No problem! We will provide registrants a link to view the recording at your convenience.

Cost: \$30 Open to All - Tell your orchid friends!

[Click Here to Register](#)