


CFOS Newsletter

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CAPE FEAR ORCHID SOCIETY



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TICKETS ON SALE NOW THRU EVENTBRITE OR CHECK TO LAURA

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FEBRUARY BRINGERS (WHO BRINGS SNACKS)

The following volunteered:

Karen Pierce- drink

Jan Schwab- snack

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



NEXT MEETING

7:00 pm February 12, 2025 at the New Hanover County Arboretum, 6206 Oleander Drive, Wilmington

6:30 Doors Open. Show Table set up.

7:00 Meeting Starts. Keith Davis - see article elsewhere

Lyndon will bring plants to sell. Anyone else who wants to sell plants, it's OK to do so at this meeting

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Jan Schwab

Vice President: Laura Elliott

Treasurer: Laura Overstreet

Secretary: Kat McGrath

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Immediate Past President: John Wetherington

AOS Rep: OPEN

Member at Large: Nancy Wetherington

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Winter, friends!

As we move from January into February we are in the SE North Carolina's winter. As we have just experienced mid-January thru mid-February is when we expect our coldest temperatures.

But just when the sun is low, and the days are grey many of our blooming buddies brighten our homes. Nature's way of reminding us that it is warm and sunny somewhere and it will be here again.

The ground hog declared we will have 6 more weeks of winter, but our orchids declare Spring is not really that far away.

The time is perfect as we view our blooms to really look for any unwanted pests. Our dry homes and low humidity invite mealy bugs and other critters that we may not have noticed. Alcohol and Q-tips are the first defense and a systemic has longer lasting effects. Adding humidity trays or cool vaporizers can add moisture to our plants. Several web sites have more suggestions.

So, hunker down, stay warm, browse the web and enjoy the beauty of our favorite pastime!

Jan Schwab

President, Cape Fear Orchid Society

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SEE NEW ARTICLE
ELSEWHERE
OUTLINING ALL 2025
MEETINGS

2025 CFOS DUES

CFOS Membership
dues are now due.
Deadline March 31

\$25/year family
membership

Please bring check or
cash to the meeting
February 12 or mail a
check to Laura
Overstreet, 237
Cherokee Trail,
Wilmington, 28409

MINUTES JANUARY 15, 2025 MEETING

President Jan Schwab asked for a volunteer to run the raffle table before the meeting started. John Wetherington volunteered

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jan at the Lutheran Church of Reconciliation

Members Present 23

Guests Attending 1

1. President Jan Introduced new officers with a brief background bio of each
2. Welcomed Visitors - there were none
 - a. Everyone please sign the sign-in sheet. We need to make sure we have correct information for contacts and name tags
3. Minutes of last month's meeting as published in newsletter by Secretary Kat McGrath, approved as published.
4. Treasurer's report - Treasurer Laura Overstreet reported finances in good shape and gave brief explanation of where our money comes from and goes to. Report approved
5. Old business
 - a. A new section will be added to the newsletter, reporting on date, place and time for each 2025 meeting as well as speaker info if available.
 - b. AOS representative badly needed. No one stepped up
6. New business
 - a. Awards presented: Martha Connor Auditor, Andrew Price webmaster, Jane Ranney show table, Paula Paye grower off the year
 - b. New show table sheets greenhouse and hobbyist growers explained and will be used this month and going forward
 - c. Treasurer Laura thanked all who volunteered for BBOD and told what we still need
 - i. Thanks to Kelly D for printing so many flyers
 - ii. New location pros and cons
 - iii. Advertising handled by John, Nancy, Kat
 - iv. Lyndon free plants will be from Cattleya alliance.
 - v. BBOD Need parking attendants - Karen Zopf volunteered.
 - vi. BBOD Melanie Andrews volunteered to do credit card processing at door
 - vii. food for BBOD, Commercial oven now works. Laura Elliott reported for Brandy Morris, food chair. Bring things that don't require cooking or lots of cutting. Sign up sheet sent around
 - viii. QUESTION ON TIMES Workers will arrive after 7:00 am. Doors open at 8:00. Plant selling starts at 8:00. Presentations start at 9:00
 - ix. Members with Muscles needed at 4:00 Friday to set up tables and chairs
 - x. Needed: Need volunteers to solicit gifts for raffle table and other things needed.
7. Show table tonight worked by new committee chair -Karen Zoph
8. Raffle table - you can't win if you don't play

Respectfully submitted,
Kat McGrath,
Secretary

All About Orchids: AOS checklist January/February

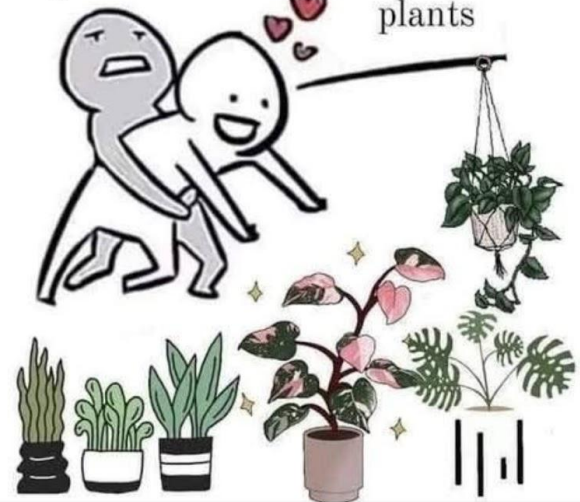
<https://www.aos.org/orchid-care/seasonal-orchid-care/monthly-checklist-for-january-and-february>

Please note. January Show Table photos were taken by Betty Simpson and Melanie Andrews. Thank you for your help! You're hired!!

ORCHID HUMOR

You have enough plants

But I don't have THESE plants



AOS WEBINARS

Public Tues Feb 5 8:30 EST
Greenhouse Chat. Ron McHatton

Members Only Thurs Feb 12 8:30 EST,
Never Repot again Part 2. Harvey Brenniese

Public Wed Mar 5 8:30 EST
Why Won't It Bloom. Ron McHatton

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 - open

Show Table Coordinator - Karen Zopf

Raffle Table - Paula Paye

Auditor - Martha Conner

VISIT OTHER “GARDEN CLUBS”

Every southeast NC garden club we could locate has been contacted and asked to help us advertise BBOD 2025. Below are 2 that very happily will mention it in their newsletter and on their web page. As a way of saying thank you, we you to click on their web site to show our support. Please let a board member know if you have any special places to contact. Thanks

South Carolina Orchid Society: <https://southcarolinaorchidsociety.org/>

Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society <https://www.wcfrs.org/>

RAFFLE TABLE RAMBLINGS

Yes there will be a raffle at February’s meeting!

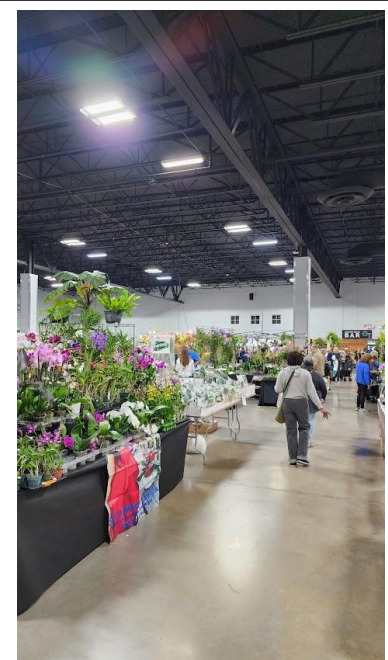
Greetings from Tamiami International Orchid Show!! I am here with Tammy and Brandy!

Sharing Pictures!!

Grow happy,
Paula Paye
Raffle Table Coordinator



Tammy made this cart to help hold all of our stuff. We had 3 carts, only this one was tall



It was HUGE!



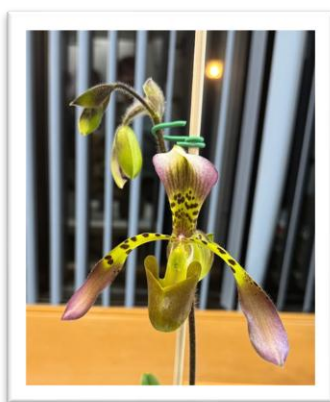
Tammy, Paula, Brandy.



Just Paula's goodies - minus her hanging

CFOS 2025 MEETING DATES AND SPEAKERS

Date	Speaker	Topic	Location
Jan 15th	Business Meeting & Installation	Big Blooming Orchid Day	Lutheran Church 7500 Market Street
Feb 12th	Keith Davis	Bifoliate Cattleyas	NHC Arboretum 6206 Oleander Dr
March 8th	Big Blooming Orchid Day	Educational Event	St. John's Episcopal Church 1219 Forest Hills Dr.
March 12th	Steve Frownie	TBA	NHC Arboretum 6206 Oleander Dr
April 16th	Nicholas Rust	TBA	NHC Arboretum 6206 Oleander Dr
May 14th	Repotting	Repotting	NHC Arboretum 6206 Oleander Dr
June 11th	Yair & Tomas Courtney	The Tarzane Group	NHC Arboretum 6206 Oleander Dr
July 16th	Hackneau	TBA	NHC Arboretum 6206 Oleander Dr
August 13th	Bill Bodei	TBA	NHC Arboretum 6206 Oleander Dr
September 10	AOS Webinar	Brassavolas	NHC Arboretum 6206 Oleander Dr
October 15th	Lee Curry	TBA	NHC Arboretum 6206 Oleander Dr
November 12th	TBA	TBA	NHC Arboretum 6206 Oleander Dr
December 3rd	Christmas Social	Christmas Social	TBA



CFOS Show Table Winners January, 2025

Standard Size Plants (over 10" tall or wide)

Standard Size - Best in Show

FIRST PLACE/Hobby

Plant

Paphiopedilum haynaldianum

Owner

Laura Elliott



Miniature Size Plants (< 10" tall or wide)

Miniature Size - Best in Show

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Plant

Clowesia Grace Dunn

Dendrobium lindleyi

Owner

Joyce Pennock

Pam Layne

Other Entries:

Standard Size Plants (over 10" tall or wide)

- Dendrobium QF Hawaiian Royal
- Cattleya L. (angereri x flava) 24 Gold
- Cattleya Bl. Richard Mueller 4N
- Paphiopedilum NOID
- Epidendrum NOID
- Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite
- Brassocattleya Yellow Bird
- Cymbidium Vanna White
- Miltassia Estrelita Sweet Seniorita

- Laura Elliott
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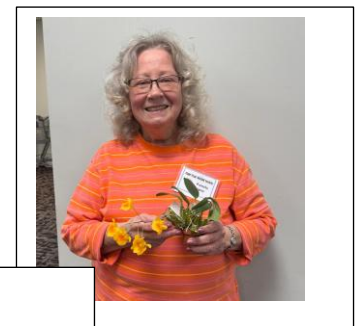
- Phalaenopsis NOID
- Slc. Petite Purple x Slc. Virginia Dickey

- Pam Layne
- Lyndon McCall



SHOW TABLE POINTS, JANUARY 2025

Member	Previous	Jan-25	Total
Laura Elliott		20	20
Pam Layne		20	20
Lyndon McCall		5	5
Laura Overstreet		5	5
Joyce Pennock		20	20
Nancy Weatherington		5	5



FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR JANUARY SHOW TABLE PICTURES

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/niX4VF5nyfaRwdqG7>

February Speaker Notes from Layne Keith Davis Keithdavisorchids.com

Subject of 2/12 Talk. Exceptional Cattleyas for the Discriminating Collector: (from his website) This is a talk for those who want to have the best of the best. You don't necessarily have to own an oil well on your land (it does help), but Keith will show you how to collect very fine things over time that will refine your collection into something where every bloom will trip your trigger. The talk goes into how to choose what is truly exceptional vs. ordinary, what makes some plants so valuable, heirloom cattleyas and their unique place in a collection, what 2N, 3N and 4N can mean to you and your collection, how to educate yourself and not get ripped off, and the difference between mericlones, seedlings, siblings and original mother plants. Also there will be a discussion on how to check for virus and how this affects the value of your collection. If you are tired of being an ordinary orchid grower, come to this meeting.



BIO Keith Davis was born in California but moved to Mexico with his missionary parents when eight years old. In 1974 he attended North Carolina State University where he obtained degrees in forestry, horticulture and agricultural education. After school, he moved to Corpus Christi, Texas where he taught horticulture and purchased his first orchid at a yard sale. It was Lc. Molly Tyler FCC which he still has to this day. After moving to Reidsville in 1984, Keith worked for North Carolina State University as the grounds and greenhouse superintendent at Chinqua-Penn Plantation and taught high school. In 1997, he and his wife Dixie adopted their only child, April. Keith then became a full-time stay-at-home dad but also continued part-time with Chinqua-Penn. In August of 2002, a disaster struck his orchid collection when the power went off at the greenhouse he was leasing. The temperature soared to over 140 degrees and about 90% of his large collection of mainly cattleya alliance orchids was lost. Thanks to many friends and the generosity of orchid growers all over, he is well on his way back to having a respectable collection again.



How the Orchid Fascination Began

It was 1980 when a visit to a yard sale in Corpus Christi, Texas, bought about a significant change in the life and career of Keith Davis. There he found hundreds of strange looking plants on sale for \$1 each. He chose a dozen of these to take back to the greenhouse at the high school where he taught horticulture. After transplanting each of these in rich nutrient soil, Keith watched all but one die over the next several weeks. Thus began the search to learn more about these strange plants and the one surviving orchid of the cattleya group

Several years later, after refining his collection of orchids, mostly of the Cattleya alliance, Keith ran across a picture of a strange looking orchid, which looked like a ghost or a frog. This began his fascination with this mysterious plant, now known as the Ghost Orchid. This unusual plant received this name because it has no leaves and when in bloom the flower appears to be floating in midair. It is rarely seen outside its natural habitat, but Keith has experimented, and after several attempts found the right substrate on which to get the orchid to grow and the right conditions to get it to bloom. In 2007, after successfully getting this plant to bloom two successive years, Keith gave the plant the name of *dendrophylax lindenii* 'Glade Spirit'. Soon after, this plant was taken to an AOS judging in Greensboro, North Carolina, where it received the FCC/AOS award.

16th ANNUAL

BIG BLOOMIN' ORCHID DAY

presented by the Cape Fear Orchid Society

Saturday, March 8, 2025

8:00am to 2:30pm

Lectures/demonstrations start at 9:00am

NEW LOCATION

St John's Episcopal Church

1219 Forest Hills Dr., Wilmington, NC 28403

\$35 plus fees in advance* / \$40 at the door

- Includes a near-blooming size orchid at end of the day
- Online ticket sales via **Eventbrite.com**
or go to **capefearorchid.org**
- Lectures by experienced growers:
 - Orchid basics
 - Maintaining my orchid
 - Orchid pests & diseases
 - Q&A session to answer your questions
- Blooming orchids, orchid supplies
- Raffle table of orchid related items
(*cash only*)
- Light bites & refreshments

**Details to pay by check can be found online at capefearorchid.org*