



# CFOS Newsletter

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CAPE FEAR ORCHID SOCIETY



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### NOVEMBER BRINGERS

#### (WHO BRINGS SNACKS)

Jim Lanier- Snacks

Betty Simpson - Snacks & Drinks

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



### NEXT MEETING

**7:00PM WED 11/15/23**

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 Fred Clarke**

### DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY INFO

**6:00 WED 12/6 setup starts at 4:30**

**Lutheran Church of Reconciliation**

**Look for sign up at Nov mtg**

### CLUB OFFICERS

President: John Wetherington

Vice President: open

Treasurer: Laura Overstreet

Secretary: Linda Swanson

AOS Rep: open

Member at Large: Kat McGrath

Past President: Pam Layne



# Minutes General Meeting

## October 11, 2023

President John Wetherington called the meeting to order at 7:11pm.

A visitor was introduced and welcomed, a friend of Paula Paye from Hawaii and a retired orchid judge.

The Minutes of the September 13 meeting were approved by acclamation.

The Treasurer, Laura Overstreet, reported all is in good shape and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

New business. Election for society officers will be at the November 15 meeting. John encouraged all to consider as we are looking for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, (when Laura retires), and American Orchid Society Representative. Board members' phone numbers were shared for members with questions.

Support the raffle table.

John introduced our Guest Speaker, Art Chadwick.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kat McGrath  
Acting Secretary



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As you know, November is the month for us to stand up and demonstrate whether or not we actually do want to have an effective orchid society. This is done by volunteering to serve as either an officer or on one of the committees. None of these positions is too onerous, nor do they take a lot of time. You will be well supported by other members who have experience (or knowledge) and well paid in satisfaction of the knowledge you're keeping CFOS out front in the education of orchid culture. No experience is needed.

John Wetherington  
CFOS President

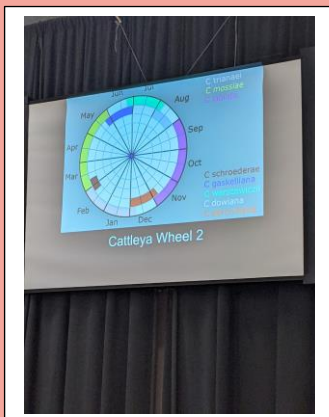
## HOW TO REACH CFOS

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



Art Chadwick, October Speaker,  
informative chart and orchid sales



## INTRODUCING OUR NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids will be speaking on "Catasetinae Species & their Cultivation." He will be selling orchids and will be bringing the orchids that members have preordered.

### **"Catasetinae Species and their Cultivation"**

The species *Catasetum* is reviewed, learn about the fascinating sexually dimorphic flowers and their plant culture.

Fred Clarke Sunset Valley Orchids "Catasetum Species and their Cultivation" *Catasetum* and related genera are from the Tribe Cymbidieae. They have been considered an orchid oddity, or "botanical", of interest mainly to the seriously addicted enthusiast. These plants have a brief deciduous period in winter, when the plants need a definite dry rest period bordering on neglect. These robust orchids are native to lowland tropical forests in Central and South America and are usually grown in warm or intermediate conditions. Commercially, *Catasetum* have occupied a small market niche on the edge of a sea of *Cymbidiums*, *Cattleyas*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Dendrobiums*, *Epidendrums*, and so on. This talk will feature some excellent species and hybrids of *Catasetum*. Learn

about the fascinating sexually dimorphic flowers flower by a complete plant culture section.

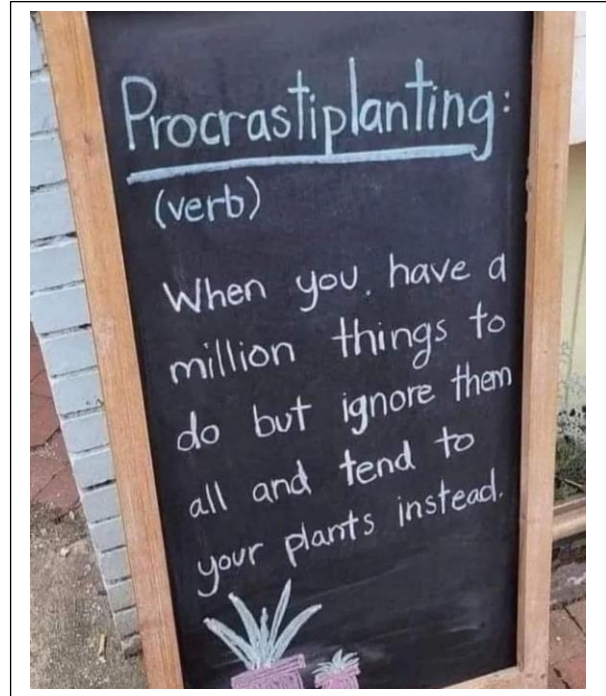
The presenter will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista, CA. Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; 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 *Paphiopedilum*, Australian *Dendrobium*, and some others to be named if they work out! His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, *Fredclarkeara After Dark*, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide. Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.



## CFOS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

AOS Representative - open  
 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



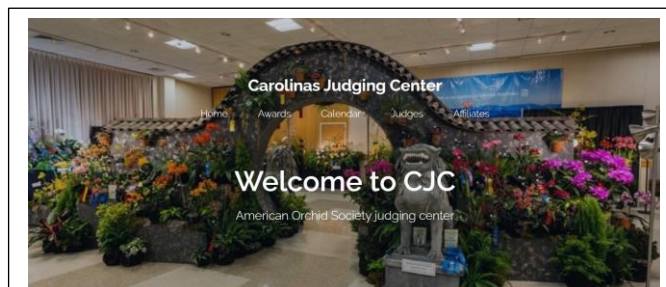
## Nice to Know About....



## Carolina Orchid Judging Center

Guidance for exhibitors that would like to  
 have their plants judged

<http://www.carolinasjudgingcenter.org/index.html>



# RAFFLE TABLE RAMBLINGS

Welcome back to the November issue of Raffle Table Ramblings! I hope all your orchid babies are nestled in warmly for the winter, except those cooler growing ones of course.

Now is when space might be a little tight after a summer of growing. We can help alleviate those problems with our Raffle Table Orchid Rehoming Program.

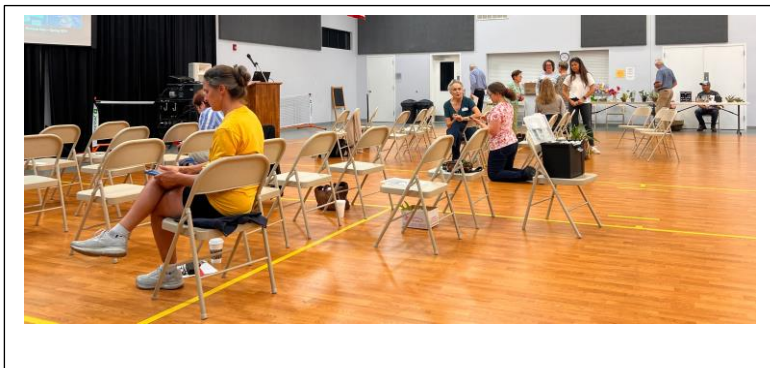
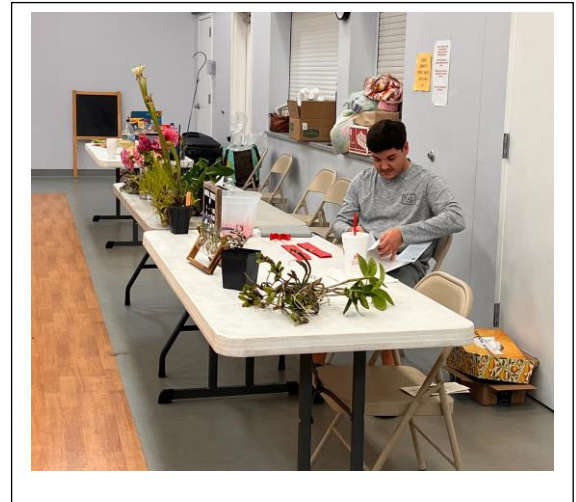


We all have that one that just isn't responding as well to our loving care. With our Raffle Table Orchid Rehoming Program, this is a good way to share and acquire new orchids as well as helping our

Society.

It's simple. Just donate. Any orchid. Any supplies.

Happy Orchiding!  
Paula Paye, Raffle Coordinator



The American Orchid Society Introduces

## PETALS OF GENEROSITY: NAME YOUR LEGACY

### THE LEGACY ORCHID PROGRAM

Announcing a unique opportunity to merge the love of Orchids with a will to honor, memorialize or otherwise show your appreciation.

For a Limited Time and Just in Time for the Holidays

The American Orchid Society has partnered with an outstanding group of orchid growers to bring you the chance to name a new orchid hybrid. The cross will be registered with the RHS under your chosen name.

A \$1,000 donation to the American Orchid Society will grant you naming rights to an entire unregistered orchid cross from growers that include but are not limited to:

- Blue Ridge Orchids
- Devonwood Orchids
- Exotic Plant Company/Mike Tibbs
- Gold Country Orchids
- Hartfield Orchids
- Hillview Gardens
- Krell Smith, Inc.
- R.J. Orchids
- Sunset Valley Orchids
- The Orchidists

Availability - 4 Selection will be based on a "first come, first served" basis.

Hybrids available include cattleyas, cymbidiums, calceolarias, psittacopus, papilionidiums and more.

To participate, call the ACS Headquarters at (202) 740-2020 or select "Legacy Orchid Program" from the Distribution list on the website donation page.  
<https://secure.aos.org/donate>

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# SHOW TABLE WINNERS October 2023

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

	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
<b>Standard Size Best in Show Table -</b>		
First Tie	Ctcm Logan Archer 'Ibasus Goose' Den. Bracteosum	Ibasco/Gooch Christine Brueck

## Class Winners - Standard Size

### Cattlea/L/Br/Soph Alliance

First	Pot Fordyce Prelude 'Pinnacle x Lc Tokyo Magic '6;1	Laura Elliott
Second	Maxma Chadvick	Laura Overstreet

### Dendrobium

First	Den. Bracteosum	Christine Brueck
Second	Den. Plogg	Ibasco/Gooch

### Gongora/Cyno/Stanhopia Alliance

First	Ctcm Logan Archer 'Ibasus Goose'	Ibasco/Gooch
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### Oncidium

First	Brassiae Wilhelmare Pinot Princess 'scary'	Byron Price
Second	Vuyl Melissa Brianne	Joyce Pennock

### Phalanopsis

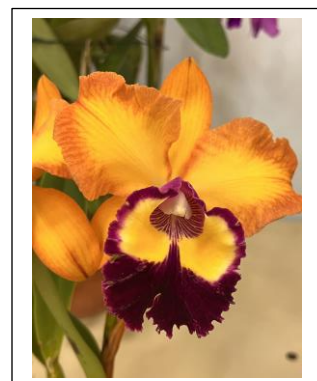
First	Yellow/purple spots	Joyce Pennock
Second	new growing plant Phal 1	Joyce Pennock

### Unusual Rare

First	Pectabenaria Ptarmigan	Laura Elliott
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### Vanda/Asco/Aerides Alliance

First	Vanda Pimsal x Vanda Jindawat	Ibasco/Gooch
Second	Vanda Unaiwana Belbe	Ibasco/Gooch

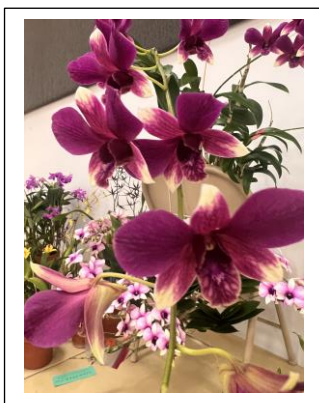
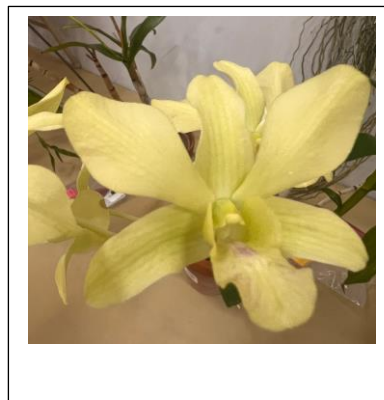
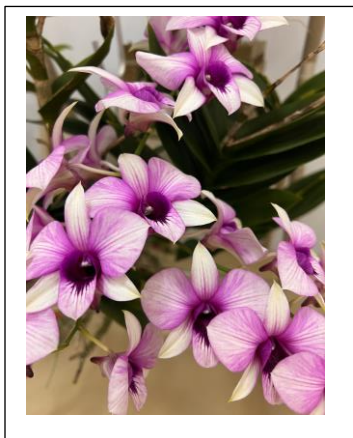


If you are a MONTHLY SHOW TABLE WINNER, Please see Kat before you leave the meeting for a picture for the newsletter....I've been missing some. Thanks. KM

## SHOW TABLE POINTS OCTOBER 2023

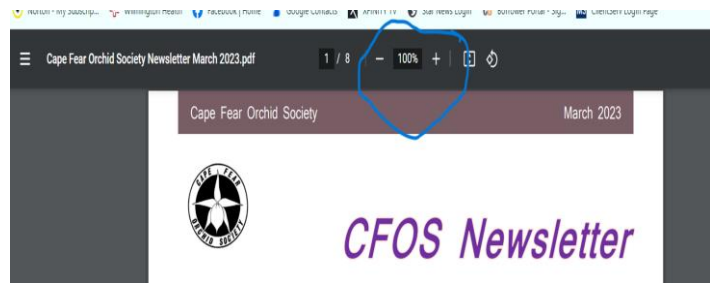
Member	Previous	October	Total
Christine Brueck	30	20	50
Laura Elliott	57	15	72
Barb Flynn	25		25
Ibasco/Gooch	50	31	81
Polly Kopka	15		15
Jim Lanier	37	5	42
Pam Layne	148	5	153
Lyndon McCall	5		5
Laura Overstreet	52	8	60
Paula Paye	318		318
Joyce Pennock	108	16	124
Byron Price		10	10
Jane Ranney	13		13
Jan Schwab	8		8
Rebecca Taylor	8		8
Steve & Karen Tobiassen	78		78
Nancy Weatherington	57		57
Karen Zopf	8		8

Pictures this month taken by Pam Layne and editor.





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MEET A MEMBER WITH A FUN FACT



Laura Overstreet

“Most members know that I am a retired prison superintendent.

My philosophy when I began to grow orchids was ‘I can use a trash can easily!’ I used the trash can for a dendrobium I thought was dead and months later it had leaves and roots.”

**AOS Webinars**

**PUBLIC:** AOS CULTURE DAY  
 “ORCHIDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS” Sun  
 Nov 12, 10a-3p, Cheryl Erins et al

**MEMBERS ONLY:** BRASSAVOLOA  
 Wed Nov 15 8:30p Beth Martin

**PUBLIC:** AOS GREENHOUSE CHAT  
 WITH RON McHATTON, Thurs Nov 16  
 8:30

MONTHLY ORCHID  
 CARE CHECKLIST

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



HOLIDAY PARTY  
 SAVE THE DATE  
 12/6 @6  
 LUTHERAN CHURCH