



CFOS Newsletter

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CAPE FEAR ORCHID SOCIETY



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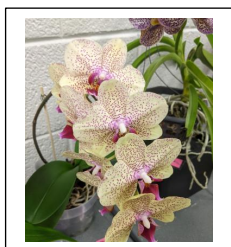
The following volunteered:

Betty Simpson - Snack

Christine Brueck - Snack

Joyce Pennock - Drink

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



NEXT MEETING

7:00 October 16. Arboretum

6:30 Doors Open. Show Table set up

7:00 Meeting Starts

Program. **Speaker Phyllis Erikson, Ironwood Estate Orchids**

RAFFLE TABLE: Please bring your items for our regular raffle table!! There are always a few great gems to win.



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



Big Bloomin' Orchid Day is almost here! OK, it's six months away but work has started already for next March. We are looking for a communications person who can reach out and touch the various community advertising fliers/magazines. It's an easy job writing one paragraph with time/date/details of BBOD and sending to various outlets. We also want to contact local TV stations (we have one very warm lead for an on the air interview!!). One person or multiple people can do the job. We already have a list of contacts! There are other jobs that need attending to as well. If you can help your orchid society or know someone else who can help our orchid society now is a good time to try. BBOD is the major fundraiser for us. We need to accomplish this or CFOS cannot pay for speakers and venues. Speakers cost us between \$200 to \$800 each, so having a lot of money in the treasury now is not going to sustain us for long. Your help is needed.

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 MEETING

President John Wetherington called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

- I. Introduction
 - a. 29 members present
 - b. Visitors this month 2
- II. Minutes of last month's meeting posted in newsletter and accepted by acclamation
- III. Treasurer's report - by Laura Overstreet
 - a. Finances AOK
- IV. Old Business
 - a. TOS orchid show
 - b. Drop off 9/11
 - c. John, Paula and Tyler accepting plants
 - d. Be sure to label with your name
- V. New Business
 - a. Next Meeting 10/16 - Arboretum
 - b. Officer Nomination time of year. We are looking for members interesting in serving on the Board. The organization is only as good as the involvement and participation of its members. Make your opinion count. Add your voice to the mix. All positions are well supported by former and present Board members. So, experience is no excuse.
 - c. President and Vice President have term limits of 2 years
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. We have extra material left from BBOD. Some will be on the Raffle Table and some for sale outright.
 - b. TONIGHT: Our speaker for tonight is Courtney Hackney, an old friend and Founding Member of CFOS. Courtney will tell us: WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY ORCHID
- VII. Show table - Vote
- VIII. Raffle - Can't win if you don't play".
 - a. There are many donated orchids given by a reader of our FB page!!
 - b. Surplus supplies from BBOD '24



Respectfully submitted

Jan Schwab, AOS Representative, Acting Secretary

BBOD Treasurer's Report

Laura Overstreet, CFOS Treasurer
Reports that finances are in good shape

FREE ORCHIDS MAGAZINE

<https://go.aos.org/freeissue201904>

All About Orchids: AOS Sept & Oct checklist

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

Please note. Photos this month were taken by Pam Layne, Paula Paye and Kat McGrath

AOS WEBINARS

Public Tuesday Oct 15 - 8:30 pm EST.
Greenhouse Chat. Ron McHatton

Public Sunday November 10 - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm AOS CULTURE DAY "ORCHID CULTURE, ONSERVATION AND YOU"

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

CLICK/FOLLOW THIS LINK TO VIEW TRIANGLE ORCHID SHOW GOOGLE PHOTOS

https://photos.app.goo.gl/E_daj1L8PUxW1uf46A

CFOS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Webmaster - Andrew Price

Newsletter Editor - Kat McGrath

Hospitality Chair - Nancy Wetherington

Big Blooming Orchid Day - Laura Overstreet

Program Chair - Pam Layne

Show Table Coordinator - Jane Ranney

Raffle Table - Paula Paye

Auditor - Martha Conner

OCTOBER PROGRAM NOTES

FROM PAM LAYNE

Phyllis Erikson from Ironwood Estate Orchids in Hickory will be our October 16th speaker. She and her husband, Dale, have almost 40 years orchid growing experience. She is offering pre-orders, check out her web page below. She will also be bringing orchids to sell at our meeting which will be at the Arboretum. The topic is "**Growing Cattleya Orchids**" and will focus on how to grow, care for and bloom a Cattleya orchid, not focusing on crosses.

Please contact her or her husband, Dale, at <https://www.ironwoodorchids.com/Default.htm> 828-294-3950.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 16 - Arboretum

November 13 - Arboretum

December 4 Holiday Party -
- Lutheran Church of Reconciliation

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community and their
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things orchid.**

<https://marketplace.aos.org/>

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ORCHID HUMOR

We start 'em young at Cape Fear Orchid Society

CFOS Show Table Winners September 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 3 tie	GCS no entry	
	N.O.I.D. Vanda Yellow (7)	Tammy Swanson
	N.O.I.D. Vanda Purple (9)	Tammy Swanson
<u>Class Winners - Standard Size</u>		
<u>Cattleya /L Br Soph Alliance</u>		
First tie	C. Intermedia var. Orlata 'Rio'	Pam Layne
	LC Karen Tobiassen	Pam Layne
<u>GCS</u>		
First	No Entry	
<u>Miltonia alliance</u>		
First	Miltonia clowesii 'Clone A'	Laura Elliott
<u>Oncidium/Odot/Brassia</u>		
First	Oncidium Wildcat 'Golden Red Star'	Laura Elliott
Second	Dgmra Shibumi 'Purple Rain'	Pam Layne
<u>Paphiopedilum/Phrags</u>		
First	Phrag 'Lucky Girl'	Laura Elliott
Second	Paph N.O.I.D.	Laura Elliott
<u>Phalaenopsis</u>		
First	Phal. N.O.I.D.	Laura Elliott
<u>Vanda/ Asco/Aerides Alliance</u>		
First Tie	Vanda Purple Splash	Laura Overstreet
	Vanda N.O.I.D. Yellow (7)	Tammy Swanson
<u>Class Winners Miniature</u>		
First	Dendrobium Mini Purple	Brandy Morris
<u>Dendrobium</u>		
First	Dendrobium Mini Purple	Brandy Morris

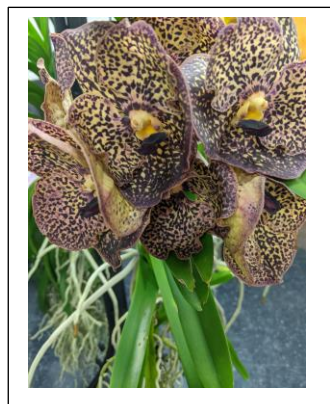
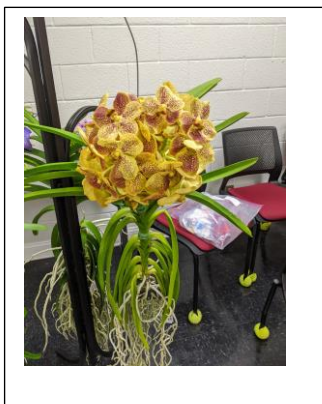
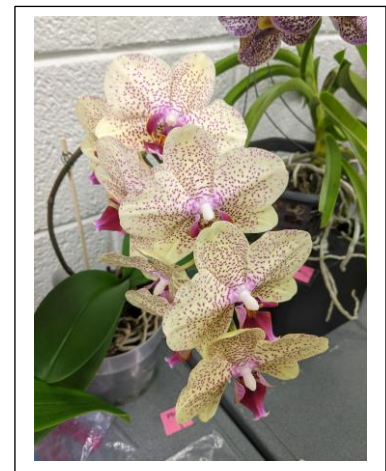
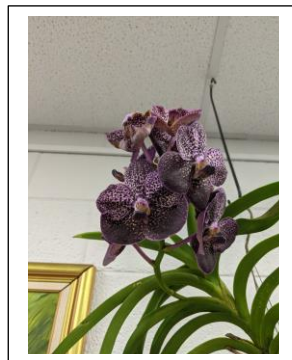
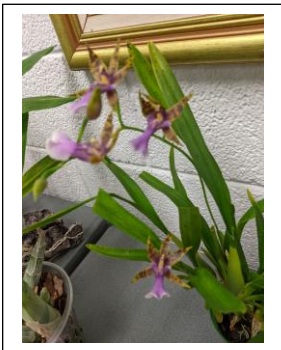
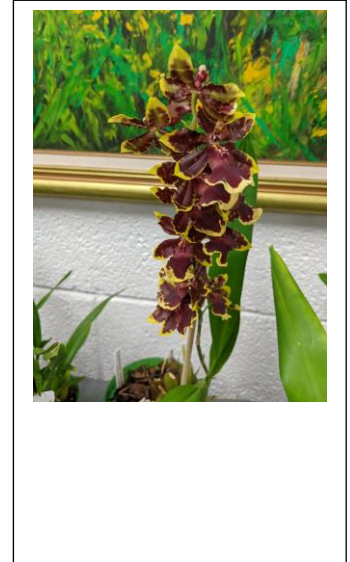
**Click this link to
view all
September
Show Table
Orchids**

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Show Table Points thru September 2024

Member	Previous	September	Total
Laura Elliott	105	28	133
Dawn Hoback	8		8
Ibasco/Googe	28		28
Polly Kopka	15		15
Jim Lanier	53		53
Pam Layne	127	18	145
Kat McGrath	20		20
Brandy Morris	101	20	121
David Nunamacher	10		10
Laura Overstreet	67	10	77
Paula Paye	149		149
Joyce Pennock	60		60
Byron Price	5		5
Jan Schwab	56		56
Tammy Swanson	5	30	35
Steve & Karen Tobiassen	10		10
Nancy Wetherington	36		36
Karen Zopf	28		28





IN CFOS MAILBOX

It's October! Catasetinae plant culture

**Please Note: our new email address
is: sales@sunsetvalleyorchids.com**

As we can tell, the weather is changing and your Catasetinae should now be in their final stages of growth. This was an excellent year for Catasetinae; many growers from around the country reported a fantastic flowering season. The first signs of dormancy will soon be evident, with some areas of the country already seeing the start of the dormancy. Soon, it will be time to stop fertilizing and begin to decrease irrigation frequency allowing for increasing longer dry intervals. In nature three important changes are occurring: 1) the rainy season is nearing its end with less frequent rain, 2) nights and days are cooler and 3) day length is shortening. These are the environmental factors that start the dormancy process.

With less rain fall, fewer nutrients are moved to the root system (thus stop fertilizing) and the roots stay dryer longer (thus reduce irrigation frequency). This increasing dryness between irrigations is an indicator to the plant to harden off their pseudobulbs in preparation for the 2-4 month winter dry period. Hardened off bulbs are better at storing water through dormancy.

Humidity should be maintained at 40-60% however brief periods outside this

range is not a problem. Maintain light levels and keep night temperatures at or above 55 degrees. No re-potting at this time, the roots are well-developed and will resent being disturbed. If you were negligent, it is better to wait until next spring.

One of the great attributes of the Catasetinae is their deciduous nature. If you experienced some leaf damage this summer don't worry those leaves are going to drop off soon and next spring your plant will grow a new set. How many orchids are that forgiving when the leaves are damaged?

This is my favorite time of year, as walking through the greenhouses it looks like almost everything is blooming! There are Catasetums in flower, the Cycnoches are blooming, and the first of the Mormodes are in spike! But there is still more to look forward to as the blooming season for Clowesia rosea hybrids begins in December and January.\

Good growing!
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News from the American Orchid Society

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From Jan Schwab, AOS Rep

September: The Month of "ALOHA"! by Thomas Miranda

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Prepared for download exclusively for Cape Fear Orchid Society

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A SINGULARLY BEAUTIFUL word from the Hawaiian language with several meanings including love, hello and goodbye, **Aloha** is more about spirit and philosophy. It reflects a caring and nurturing nature that kind people feel for each other. It does not judge, it does not discriminate and it is a universal term of endearment.

This month, many of us say goodbye wistfully to summer friends, jobs and carefree days, while simultaneously embarking on fantastic new adventures and initiatives. Our lives take us on many different paths, but all of us on the orchid path know what it means to be nurturers and cultivators. This month as the seasons shift again and temperatures and day length wax and wane (depending on what hemisphere you are in), it is important to be very observant of your collection. Some photoperiod-dependent plants will slow down with these changes, others may speed up as temperatures are more to their liking, but one thing is for sure, changes are coming!

OVERHEATING IS OVER

With the onset of fall, many things shift that is, temperatures are getting lower and nights are getting longer. The intense, and sometimes damaging, heat that has kept many plants in suspended animation is ending and more favorable growing conditions commence. I have often seen new flushes of growth on cattleyas, dendrobiums and Oncidium Alliance plants this time of year. If you live in a climate where the cold weather does not start for a couple more months, then you can water and fertilize for another month or so as you would in the spring.

But if your winter weather starts in October, you might want to slow down or hold off feeding your plants this month to get them ready for dormancy, (catasetums and deciduous dendrobiums) or spike invitations (phalaenopsis and cymbidiums.)

GREAT OUTDOORS

Any plants that have summered outside may have grown spectacularly with extra light and rainwater.

Even so, if you need to at least start thinking about where the plants will go as the weather gets cold. Make sure your indoor spaces, be they windowsills, light rooms or greenhouses, are sanitized and ready for all the "chids" that were camping out this summer. Since they have grown there may not be room for everyone! You might consider giving them away to new orchid members or making divisions.

SAFETY INDOORS

It is also very important to inspect plants for hitchhikers such as ants or sow bugs (or worse things) that might have invaded them while outside. Spray or drench any such plants before bringing them inside. This is also the time to test your heaters, vents, fans, and misting and irrigation systems to make sure they are still in good working order you don't want that unpleasant surprise of finding them malfunctioning during the first cold snap of the year.

OUR REPRESENTATION AT THE RECENT TRIANGLE ORCHID SHOW WAS OUTSTANDING. BELOW IS A CAPSULE OF THE TREMENDOUS AWARD PAULA PAYE RECEIVED. THE PICTURES SHOW OUR AWARDS.

CLICK THIS LINK TO SEE THE ENTIRE ALBUM OF PICTURES:

[HTTPS://PHOTOS.APP.GOO.GL/EDAJ1L8PUXW1UF46A](https://photos.app.goo.gl/EDAJ1L8PUXW1UF46A)



American Orchid Society Awards

*(A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE PRESTIGIOUS AWARD PAULA PAYE'S ORCHID RECEIVED)

AOS Purpose and Granting of Awards

AOS awards are designed to encourage and to recognize meritorious achievement in all fields of orchid endeavor. To accomplish this, awards are granted to individual persons, individual orchid plants, groups of orchid plants, cut flowers, and orchid arrangements, all in accordance with established rules. Wherever the granting of such awards is determined by use of point scores, the appropriate point scale shall be used. Awards granted to individual plants are made to a particular cultivar, which must be designated by a permanent cultivar name and the award (or highest award if there are two or more), although only the originally judged portion receives a certificate.

Awards may be made only in accordance with the rules in this Handbook in the following situations:

1. At the 27 AOS-approved judging centers, and their 11 additional sites.
2. At AOS-sanctioned shows and events of Affiliated Societies.
3. **6.2.1.2 Award of Merit (AM) *(THIS IS THE AWARD PAULA RECEIVED. Her orchid had 81 points)**
4. Awarded to an orchid species or hybrid which scores between 80 and 89 points, inclusive.

Award No. 20242473
 Place: Triangle Orchid Soc. Date: 8/3/24
 Name of Plant: *Phalaenopsis* Cultivar: 'RUBY BIRD'
 Clonal Name: Paula Paye
 Parentage: *Phalaenopsis* x *Josephine van Birk*
 x *Alfreda* x *Alfreda*
 Comments:
 Previous Awards received by this plant: *None*
 Has plant been submitted previously for AOS judging of the same inflorescence? Yes No
 All entries are subject to Rules and Regulations as outlined in the Handbook on Judging and Exhibiting, published by the American Orchid Society.

	WIDTH IN CM.		LENGTH IN CM.	
Natural Spread:	Horiz.	9.5	Vert.	10.1
Dorsal Sepal:		3.0		4.8
Petal:		3.0		4.6
Lateral Sepal (Syns.):		5.8		4.6
Lip (Pouch):		3.5		3.6

Description: beginning with number of flowers, buds and inflorescence
*Placmer 2024 2473 81
 24 flowers and two buds on a 54 cm
 lip, 1st inflorescence, sepal two petals. Ground
 yellow, dorsal sepal spotted, margins white
 1st lateral sepal pink stippled magenta, lateral sepal
 pink stippled magenta, pink spotted
 margin's underlip, suffused pink on superior
 part, stippled magenta, middle part, bay
 yellow, dorsal. Bay red stippled darker
 side lobes cupped yellow, swollen and middle
 side lobes divided, light yellow, swollen
 cap, firm, texture satiny*

Award AM and Score **81**
 Exhibitor Name and Address:
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