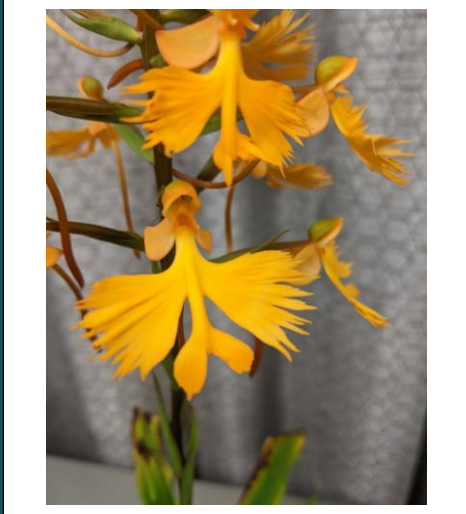




CFOS Newsletter

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CAPE FEAR ORCHID SOCIETY



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SEPTEMBER BRINGERS (WHO BRINGS SNACKS)

The following volunteered:

- **Snack - Lin Holland**
- **Drink - Jim Lanier**

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



NEXT MEETING

7:00 pm Sept 11. NHC Arboretum. 6206 Oleander Dr.

6:30 Doors Open. Show Table set up.

7:00 Meeting Starts.

Program. Courtney Hackney. *"What's Wrong With My Orchid?"* See profile herein

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

See article on Page 7 for information regarding Triangle Orchid Show

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



As we get into September, it's nice to remember there's only six weeks or so of oppressively hot weather. (I won't mention we're in the peak hurricane season.) We have figured out which orchids are heat- and sun-tolerant. I lost a couple Vandas by not letting them acclimate long enough when I moved them outside.

However, the rest of the year looks interesting: Next meeting (Sept 11th, at the Arboretum) Courtney Hackney, an old friend of CFOS, will be here. He will be speaking 'What's Wrong With My Orchids.' He will also be bringing 2" & 4" pots of Hawaiian seedlings. He cannot take pre-orders, so come early.

John Wetherington, CFOS President

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

COURTNEY HACKNEY

Dr. Hackney is Emeritus Professor of Biology and the former Director of Coastal Biology at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida. Previously he was Professor of Biology and Marine Biology at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. Courtney began growing orchids in the Florida Keys in 1962, while working for a small orchid nursery. He has continued his interest in both orchid hybridizing and orchid culture since then. He grows many different genera, but his favorite is the *Cattleya* Alliance. He has about 500 mature cattleyas and even more seedlings, but his favorites are classic clones, some of which appeared in orchid collections over 100 years ago. He makes 10-15 *Cattleya* hybrids and species sib crosses per year. His hybrids often incorporate classic cattleyas with more recent clones.

He wrote a Growing Tips column for 20 years, which ended in December 2013. Growing Tips appeared in newsletters around the country. He has also published in the *Orchid Digest* and *Orchids*. In 2004, he published "*American Cattleyas*", the culmination of a decade of study and interviews with many of the "Orchid Greats", which summarizes in old photographs and print how all of the modern cattleyas came to be. The book also describes what we know about cattleyas and cattleya hybrids, how to grow them, and what to expect from modern hybrids. During the past decade he has been researching the *coerulea* (blue) color form of *cattleya* species and hybrids, which was completed and published in 2018.

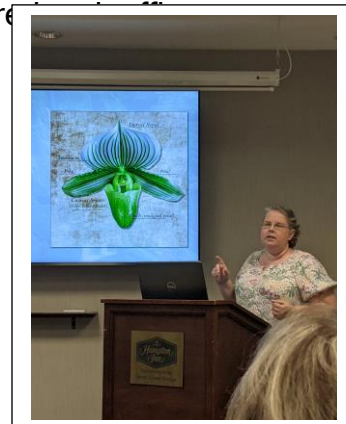
He and his wife Rose live in Jacksonville, Florida adjacent to a tidal swamp. Rose retired as a professional artist in 2017, but continues painting for fun. *Epi magnoliae* (*conopseum*) grows in trees of the swamp in his backyard. His orchids reside in a shade house adjacent to the swamp.

MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2024 MEETING

Hampton Inn, University, 124 Old Eastwood Road, Wilmington. President John Wetherington called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

- I. Introduction
 - a. 21 members present. John welcomed one visitor from Pennsylvania and 3 renewals.
 - b. Pam explained “emergency relocation” to Hampton Inn
 - c. Everyone please sign the sign-in sheet to make sure we have name tags for everyone.
 - d. Minutes of last month’s meeting were published in the recent newsletter. Moved to accept as printed by acclimation
- II. Treasurer’s report - Laura Overstreet. Accepted by acclimation.
 - a. Paula reported on potential expenses for Triangle Orchid Show.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Triangle Orchid Show. At the 9/11 meeting bring plants for display, meeting should be Arboretum. Send all info to Jon Ibasco. Need name of plants on 9/9 to make name placards. Clean plants only, primp them up, no disease or bugs. Theme “Fall For Orchids.” We will have beach theme
 - b. Meeting place - We were expecting the Arboretum to be unavailable, but not the Lutheran Church as well!
 - c. Nominations for new officers will start soon. An organization is only as good as the involvement and participation of its members. Add your voice to mix. All positions are well supported by former and present Board members. Inexperience is no excuse. Need Pres. Need VP. Need show table monitor, need program getter.
 - d. Next meeting will be Sept 11th at the Arboretum.
 - e. Refreshment sign-up sheet passed
 - i. Need volunteers for Sept Oct & Nov.
 - ii. Dec is Christmas party - details TBA
- IV. New Business
 - a. We have extra material left over from BBOD
 - i. Some will be on the Raffle Table & some for sale outright
 - b. Tonight: Our speaker for this month is Bridget Uzar from Carter & Holmes Orchids. She has brought orchids pre-ordered
- V. Show table -
 - a. Vote early, vote often
 - b. Be sure to admire & vote.
- VI. Raffle table - “Can’t win if you don’t play.”

Respectfully submitted
Kat McGrath, Secretary



BBOD Treasurer's Report

Laura Overstreet, CFOS Treasurer
Reported finances are in good order.

FREE *ORCHIDS* MAGAZINE

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The 8th Annual Triangle Orchid Society Show 2024

SEPT
13, 2024 | 1 pm - 6 pm
14, 2024 | 10 am - 6 pm
15, 2024 | 10 am - 3 pm

**CLICK/FOLLOW THIS
LINK TO VIEW 8/14/24
SHOW TABLE GOOGLE
PHOTOS**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/MWjuTcuqzuwxLD3w6>

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

AOS WEBINARS

Public Thurs Sept 5, 8:30 pm EDT.
Greenhouse Chat. Ron McHatton

Member Only Tues Sept 10, 8:30 pm EDT.
New and Novel Hybrids at the Longwood Gardens, and How to Grow Them. Greg Griffis

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

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 - Jane Ranney
Raffle Table - Paula Paye
Auditor - Martha Conner

RAFFLE RAMBLINGS

FROM PAULA PAYE

Welcome back to a new month of Raffle Table Rambling. Apologies for last month when I forgot to bring the raffle table supplies! What was I thinking?

For September we will have miscellaneous supplies left over from BBOD '24 for sale as well as for the Raffle Table. Phalaenopsis will be spiking soon and we have the PERFECT solution for those long and beautiful SPIKES!

We have wire spikes that can be used year after year with proper cleaning. No more rotten sticks! These are good for plastic pots.

Please help support the Club by bringing unwanted, damaged (but not diseased), too big, too small, too many (say it ain't so!) for the Raffle Table so we can share the Love of growing Orchids with our Club members.

Happy Growing,
Paula Paye, Raffle Table Coordinator

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From the AOS

Discover the top vendors in the orchid community and their special offers on all things orchid.

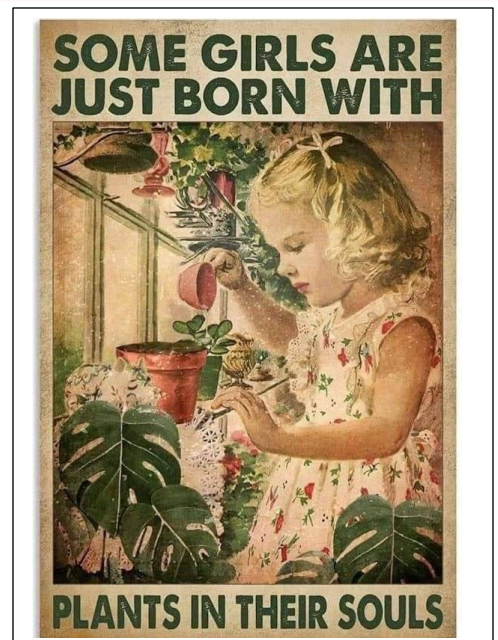
<https://marketplace.aos.org/>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 11 - NHC Arboretum.
Courtney Hackney

October 16 - NHC Arboretum.
Phyllis Erikson from Ironwood Estate Orchids in Hickory NC

ORCHID HUMOR



CFOS Show Table Winners August 2024

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

	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Standard Size Best in Show Table		
First 3 tie	Paph Pinocchio	Paula Paye
	Peristeria elata	Laura Elliott
	Vanda Fuch's Delight x V courulea	Jim Lanier
Class Winners - Standard Size		
Cattleya /L Br Soph Alliance		
First	Pot. Burana Beauty 'Burana'	Pam Layne
Second	Laelia Tangerin x flava 24 gold x Bl Richard Mueller 4N	Laura Elliott
Miltonia alliance		
First	Mtssa Shelob Okka	Laura Overstreet
Second	Miltasis Sweet Seniorita	Laura Overstreet
Oncidium/Odot/Brassia		
First	Miltassia CM Fitch 'Izumi'	Laura Elliott
Second	Bellarea Snowblind 'Sweet Spots/'	Laura Elliott
Paphiopedilum/Phrags		
First	Paph Pinocchio	Paula Paye
Second	Paph Magic Cherry	Paula Paye
Unusual/Rare		
First	Peristeria elata	Laura Elliott
Second	Hab Bird of Paradise 'Sarah Did It' AM/AOS	Paula Paye
Vanda/ Asco/Aerides Alliance		
First	Vanda Fuch's Delight x V courulea	Jim Lanier
Second	Vanda Adisak Happiness, Orange	Pam Layne

Points

Member	Previous	August	Total
Laura Elliott	72	33	105
Dawn Hoback	8		8
Ibasco/ Googe	28		28
Polly Kopka	15		15
Jim Lanier	33	20	53
Pam Layne	114	13	127
Kat McGrath	20		20
Brandy Morris	101		101
David Nunamacher	10		10
Laura Overstreet	54	13	67
Paula Paye	123	26	149
Joyce Pennock	60		60
Byron Price	5		5
Jan Schwab	56		56
Tammy Swanson	5		5
Steve & Karen Tobiassen	10		10
Nancy Weatherington	36		36
Karen Zopf	28		28





TRIANGLE ORCHID SHOW INFO SEPT 13-15

Paula Paye, Jon Ibasco and Tyler Googe are leading the delegation to set up and 'work' the Triangle Orchid Show in Raleigh, September 13-15. **WE NEED YOUR BLOOMING ORCHIDS** to make our beach themed entry win recognition with numerous prizes. Please consider your orchids and select an entry or several.

There will be an **ORCHID FLASH** sent out on the 7th or so with complete instructions on the show and how to get your orchids to the society for entry. (Easiest way is to attend the meeting at the Arboretum 9/11 and bring them with you.)

News from the American Orchid Society

From Jan Schwab, AOS Rep

Monthly Checklist for September and October

CATTLEYA

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

CYCNOCHES

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its

large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

CYMBIDIUM

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

DENDROBIUM

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

RHYNCHOSTELE BICTONIENSIS

Both *Rhynchostele bictoniensis* and its hybrids bloom in this season. *Rhynchostele bictoniensis*, formerly known as *Lemboglossum*, *Odontoglossum*) is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: *sulphureum* (green with white lip), *album* (brown with white lip) and *roseum* (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in *Odcdm*. Bittersweet and *Odm*. *bicross*) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns.

They make a prime candidate for *odontoglossum* beginners and advanced alike.

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Standard, green-leaved *paphiopedilums* begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

PHALAENOPSIS

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

ROSSIOGLOSSUM GRANDE

Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.