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2020 JUNE AOS Corner – for Affiliated Societies

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Volunteering with a Passion for Orchids

An insatiable thirst for learning more about orchids found me joining our local American Orchid Society Affiliate, Tampa Bay Orchid Society, and volunteering at the local Florida North Central Judging Center monthly judging sessions. I broadened my horizons when I became involved on the national level as a volunteer with two **American Orchid Society committees**.

<http://www.aos.org/about-us/committees.aspx>

If you are wondering where you might fit in, take a moment and review the committee **Job Descriptions** and volunteer expectations. Every volunteer brings a different skill set to the American Orchid Society and there is a place for you. Check out the first few pages of any issue of ORCHIDS to find the list of National Volunteers and the committees they serve.

<http://www.aos.org/about-us/job-descriptions.aspx>

Years ago when I joined the roster of AOS committees, the group currently known as the Affiliated Societies Committee (ASC), was known as the Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee (MASC). Through the years, committees were redefined and there are now two distinct committees to serve the AOS membership. The ASC, and the Membership & Marketing Committee are two places I hang my hat. I do it for the love of orchids. If you want to feel needed and appreciated, volunteers are welcome on all levels!

Help Wanted - AOS Webinar Presenters

Webinars are a conduit to share our orchid knowledge. They are generally limited to a one-hour audio-visual presentation that is recorded for future viewing through a link on the AOS website. Most

presentations are prepared ahead in PowerPoint and presented with live audio on a selected date. They take place in the evening, Monday through Friday, usually at 8:30 p.m. Eastern time.

We know there are wonderful, successful growers out there with all sorts of great information on growing and maintaining a healthy orchid collection. We are currently looking for someone to share and present segments for the Best Practices for a Healthy Orchid Collection series. Orchid growing is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor, certain practices can help us on the road to success. Understanding our orchids is a good place to start.

We are flexible! We are always looking for interesting topics to share with our viewers. Choose a day convenient for you. You will need a prepared PowerPoint topic, an internet connection, and a computer with audio capabilities to present an AOS webinar.

Contact [Cheryl Erins](#) to be added to the AOS webinar line-up or for further information. She can arrange a webinar practice session to help you get familiar with the process. cerins@aos.org

Cheryl Erins adds, "We are also looking for members for the [Development Committee](#)".
<http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/JobDesc/2018-Development-Committee.pdf>

Webinars-Coming Attractions!






When	June 16, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	June 23, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	July 14, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	RECORDED WEBINARS at your convenience
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	How to Successfully Grow Coelogyne	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Culture, Judging, Pests and Diseases, Greenhouse Chats indexed by topic
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Charles Wilson AOS Judge, Committee Member Education and Conservation	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	AOS Members, Judges, Concerned Conservationists, Scientists & More

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To view webinars **REGISTRATION is REQUIRED**
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow!

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GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.
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If your society does not have internet access, you can contact the AOS Education Committee, Sandra Svoboda at stillisch@cox.net and request **a program from the recorded list**. The video file with instructions for use will be sent to you. Copy the file to a flash drive or copy it to your computer hard drive and show the webinar at the meeting.

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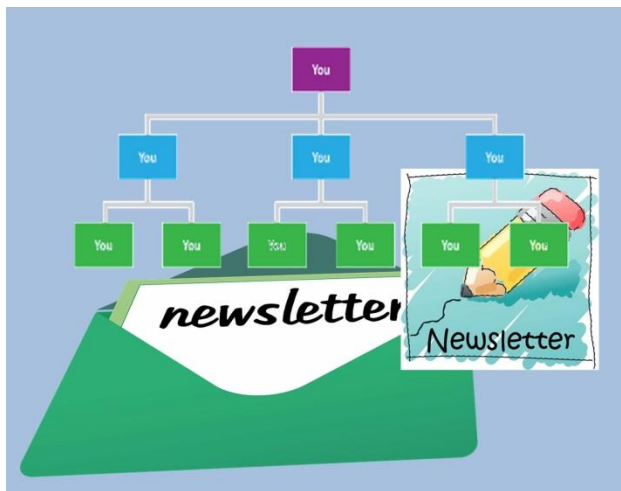
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Insight for our **AFFILIATED SOCIETIES**

<http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies.aspx>

Check out the Complete Affiliated Benefits Package

<http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Benefits-of-being-an-Affiliated-Societies-Member-v5.pdf>



Have you recently changed leadership in your society? New AOS Representative? New President? New Newsletter Editor?

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<http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/affiliated-society-update-form.aspx>

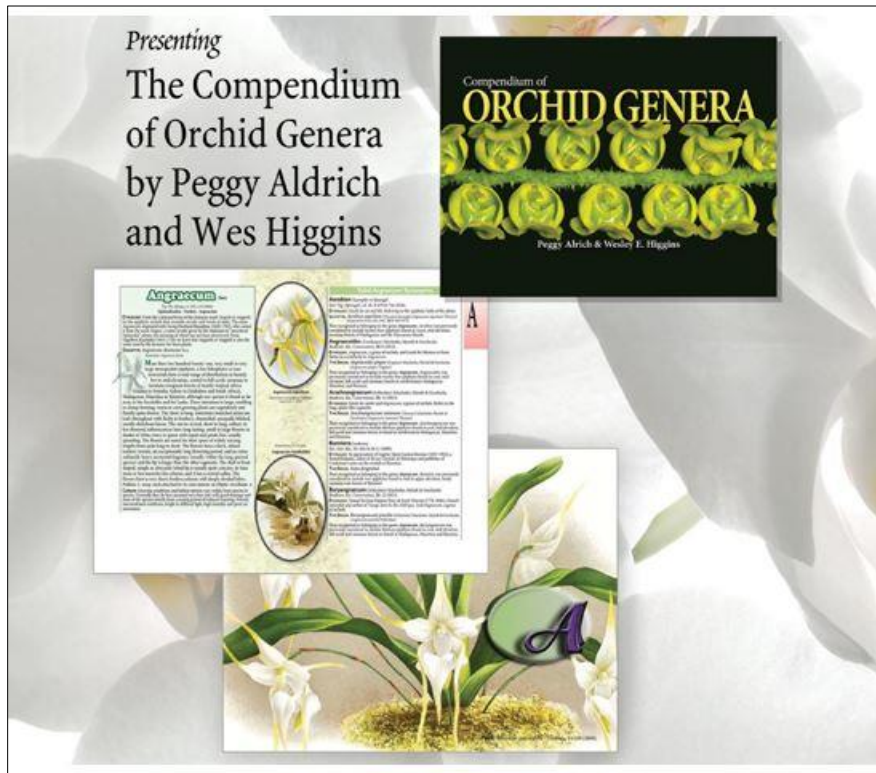
AFFILIATED SOCIETY BONUS - EARN AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS FOR YOUR SOCIETY

Affiliated Societies can earn a one-month extension on their AOS society membership for each new individual AOS member they recruit. If you start now, with twelve new AOS members, your Affiliated Society can obtain a FULL FREE YEAR OF AOS membership! Be sure and advise new members to note their society affiliation on the printed membership form or in the comments section online at checkout.

Remember to let your society members know, we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! If they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources available to help make orchid growing enjoyable and successful. *Individual society membership and AOS Membership are not the same. Although affiliated, each requires separate membership dues.*

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<http://www.aos.org/about-us/aos-membership.aspx>

NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE 50% Discount for AOS Members!



Original orchid color plates abound in this distinctive Orchid Encyclopedia by Peggy Alrich and Wes Higgins, a marvelous and artistic creation in landscape format of 500 pages.

Original orchid discoverer and date are listed as well as the Etymology and Generitype of more than 2000 orchids along with a easy to read description of growth habits, countries and regions within countries of origin. The plants and flowers are aptly discussed and the authors give colors and varieties found in various areas of note. Sepals and petals along with special features of lips complete the beautifully described notes. Of note in the book are the synonyms the orchids have had over the years, and those that were, and are, invalid even today. A modern twist to the encyclopedia features a general culture description, which helps even a veteran grower understand some of the nuances of the particular plants being discussed. What is absolutely beautiful is the collection of artwork of each of the plants done in color plates, many by the original artist or from an original collection and dated. Many of the drawings illustrate entire flowers, with all their separated parts. This book would be a welcome and beautiful addition to any orchid grower's collection, a stunning work and artistic treasure.

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<https://secure.aos.org/Products/366-a-compedium-of-orchid-genera.aspx>

CULTURE CONNECTION

CULTIVATE: to grow in a prepared medium

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<http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/may-june-checklist.aspx>

June: The Aromatic Month

Letting the Nose Do the Shopping When Searching for New Orchids

By Thomas Mirenda

A VERITABLE FEAST FOR THE SENSES, June — of “busting out all over” fame — is a great time for your orchid collection. Although there may not be scads of plants in bloom, there is tremendous activity. Personally, I find the new growths of orchids almost as exciting as the flowers. Many of the orchids that bloom in the upcoming summer heat are also among the most fragrant. Some, such as brassias, brassavolas and stanhopeas, smell delicious. Others, such as average bulbophyllums, could drive you out of the greenhouse on a hot summer day. My *Bulbophyllum echinolabium* attracts myriad flies with its fetid aroma. I tend to leave it outside where I can get away from the odor if it gets too strong. When I do, it usually comes back inside in the autumn with a capsule or two. With its 1-foot- (30-cm-) long flower, it’s far too cool an orchid to reject for a minor flaw such as foul fragrance. Besides, it’s great fun to let unsuspecting friends take a whiff.

LET ME OUT June is when you can safely put most of your orchids outside for the summer. The fresh, naturally moving air, rainwater and excellent dappled light under backyard trees make for superb growing conditions. Cooped up all winter, many orchids grow by leaps and bounds when moved outside. For best results, look for a spot where there is air movement, bright but semishaded conditions, or a spot with early morning sun and shade in the afternoon. Some types, such as cattleyas, vandas and cymbidiums, need more light than others, such as miltonias, psychopsis and most maxillarias, so multiple sites may be necessary to meet the requirements of orchids in a mixed collection. By observing your plants you can make informed decisions on where they should go for the summer.

ROYALTY BEWARE Water and debris falling into the crowns of phalaenopsis outdoors can cause various types of fungal and bacterial rot, so many growers choose to leave these plants inside. But as long as the plants are covered to protect them from excessive rain and falling leaves, they usually do well with the natural day and night temperatures offered by the backyard habitat. Mounted plants often increase exponentially when offered rainwater and fresh air. When mounting phalaenopsis, position the plants so the crown and leaves point down to prevent water and leaves from gathering.

LIQUIDITY Aside from keeping money in your portfolio, this month it’s important to keep up with watering. Not only are plants growing quickly and needing copious moisture and fertilizer, but with newly repotted plants, fresh mix may take some time to be infused with moisture. Although most people soak their mix overnight before repotting to avoid potting desiccation stresses, the mix is still easily dried out. One must be aware that these newly repotted plants should receive extra attention in the form of careful observation, watering, and high humidity until they’re fully established later in the summer.

GOT POTS? The longer days and warmer temperatures, especially those experienced by plants set outside, have shifted orchid metabolisms into overdrive. Take advantage of this surge of growth and establish plants into fresh mixes. It is a great time to take divisions. Your orchids will likely put out another growth to replace anything you remove. Removing old, gnarly backbulbs is advisable. These needn't go in the trash. Often your local orchid society has someone who'll nurse these backbulbs and divisions into saleable plants that might turn up at a future charity auction or plant sale. It's okay to share the wealth with new orchid growers. At times such as these, we want to encourage more people to get into the hobby. I know when I started, the gift of a division from an experienced grower was treasured and kept me engaged and involved (and indebted) to mentors in my society.

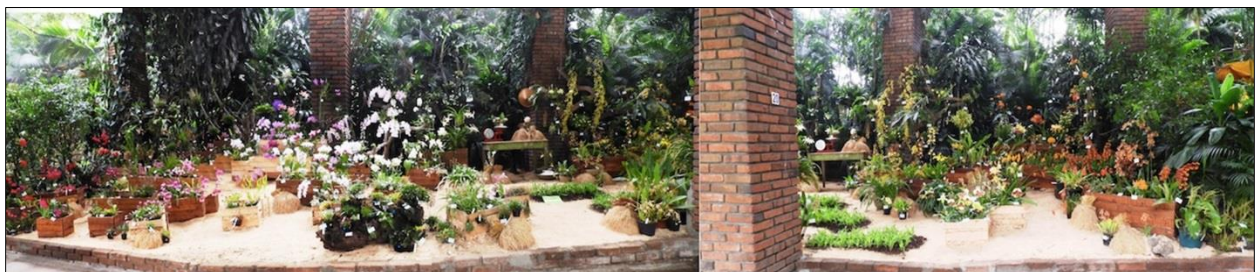
INTO THE FIELD Now is the prime time to see many wild orchids that may be growing near you. Get a field guide, grab the kids or your dog, or hook up with friends and step outside. There are marvels nearby waiting to be discovered in their native habitats. Nothing could be better for your psyche and soul than to hike in a natural area and find wild hidden orchid treasures. Now's the time to explore for native orchids. I encourage you to get out there. *(As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 79, NO.6, June 2010)*

AWARDS GALLERY

MEMBERS can VIEW the beauty and diversity of awarded orchids in every issue of **ORCHIDS magazine**.
<http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

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From our South American Affiliate



Award No: 20196990, Date: Nov 14, 2019

American Orchid Society Gold Certificate 'Exhibit 20-22' GC | AOS (92 points)

Event: Asociacion Vallecaucana de Orquideologia Show (Cali, Colombia)

Exhibitor: Sociedad Colombiana de Orquideologia, Photographer: Juan Carlos Uribe



Award No: 20201346

Cattleya Brabantiae

'Frank Smith' FCC | AOS (94 points)

(*Cattleya aclandiae* x *Cattleya loddigesii*)

Exhibitor: Krull-Smith

Photographer: Wes Newton



Award No: 20203715

Cattleya amethystoglossa

'Put Me In The Zoo' AM | AOS (80 points)

Exhibitor: Ben Oliveros and Orchid Eros

Photographer: Glen Barfield

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

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<http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

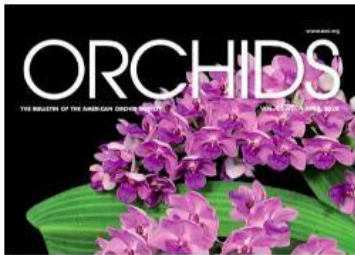
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Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

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