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### 2020 AUGUST AOS Corner – for Affiliated Societies

**The AOS Corner is for society representatives and newsletter editors:** Orchid societies are welcome to reproduce the AOS Corner completely, or in part, in their society publications.

We encourage use of the **AOS website** by all members. <http://www.aos.org>

#### **URGENT: YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Action required by Sunday, July 26**

Information for each Affiliated Society is printed in the AOS ORCHID SOURCE DIRECTORY supplemental publication. Please verify your society information that is available on the **AOS website**.

**Update as necessary by using the [online update](#) or [PDF form](#). This must be done ASAP in order for your society information to appear correctly in the next printed edition of this publication.**

If you use the **[PDF form](#)**, it needs to be emailed to main office by Friday to be included in the publication update. [TheAOS@aos.org](mailto:TheAOS@aos.org)

<https://www.aos.org/About-Us/Affiliated-Societies/affiliated-societies-lookup.aspx>

<https://www.aos.org/About-Us/Affiliated-Societies/affiliated-society-update-form.aspx>

<https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AffiliatedSocietyInformationUpdate.pdf>

***DID YOU KNOW?*** The American Orchid Society will be celebrating its 100th anniversary April 2021. That's a lot of orchid love through the years. The February issue of ORCHIDS will be dedicated to the centennial. Our committee has been asked to contribute an article for publication in the centennial issue.

We are calling on our Affiliated Societies to tell us all you can about your history with the AOS. Personally, I have been our society AOS representative for the last ten years or so. I have been around orchids more than thirty years and a member of our affiliated society for almost eighteen, but I am sure that is just a drop in the bucket, compared to many other members out there.

If you have any history that you can share related to your society affiliation with AOS please share it with us. Please do not limit yourself!

*Here are a few ideas to get you started:*

Do you know what prompted your society to become an affiliate of the AOS?

What is the most beneficial aspect of your society's relationship with the American Orchid Society?

Does your AOS representative share AOS news with your society on a monthly basis?

Do you have an amazing story about the history of your society as it relates to the AOS?

Do you have photos of an early AOS judged orchid show?

Send your material to: [askmasc@verizon.net](mailto:askmasc@verizon.net)

Speaking of judged shows, the following exhibit was put together by our orchid neighbors to the south.+



**Award No: 20195712**

American Orchid Society Show Trophy

'Sueño Tropical en Alajuela'

ST | AOS (83 points)

Exhibitor: Asociación Alajeuense de Orquidología

Photographer: Jorge Enrique

Céspedes Trigueros

To view a gallery of awarded exhibits, go to [aos.org](https://aos.org) Sign-in. Select **Orchid Pro** from the drop down menu on your membership status box. Use search term: *Show Trophy*

There are 1878 examples dating back to 1989. <https://op.aos.org/>

Tell us about the most exciting moment at one of your orchid shows.





**DID YOU KNOW?** The Affiliated Societies Committee maintains a [list of speakers](https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Affiliated-Societies/AOS_Speakers_List.pdf) available for your monthly meeting presentations. The following list has been updated with confirmations from speakers offering remote presentations. Please feel free to reach out to these speakers directly to see if they might fit into your meeting schedules.

[https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Affiliated-Societies/AOS\\_Speakers\\_List.pdf](https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Affiliated-Societies/AOS_Speakers_List.pdf)

**Below is a list of speakers that have recently responded positively to our update request. We are hopeful that more speakers will agree to this style of presentation.**

Alan Koch  
Arthur Katz  
Bill and Deb Bodei  
Bill Thoms  
Carol Beule  
Carol Klonowski  
Carri Raven-Reimann  
Christopher Satch  
Dave Sorokowsky  
Ed Weber  
Eric Sauer  
Francisco Miranda  
Fred Clarke  
Gary Yong Gee  
Hadley Cash  
Harry Gallis  
James and Melana Davison

Kim Feddersen  
Lawrence Zettler  
Marc Hachadourian  
Marcelo Morales  
Martin Motes  
Mary Gerritsen  
Mary Mancini  
Maurice Garvey  
Nile Dusdieker  
Norman Fang  
Prem Subrahmanyam  
Rob Griesbach  
Ron Kaufmann  
Steve Beckendorf  
Steve Frowine  
Steve Gonzalez



## REMINDERS

# Webinars-Coming Attractions!



	August 13, 2020	August 26, 2020	September, 01, 2020	September 10, 2020
<b>When</b>	8:30pm EST Tuesday	8:30pm EST Wednesday	8:30pm EST Tuesday	8:30 EST Thursday
<b>Topic</b>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	<i>Maxillaria</i> Not just <i>tenuifolia</i> anymore	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Encyclias and their Hybrids
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Eric Sauer</b> Awarded Maxillariaologist & Greenhouse Grower	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	Mike Curtin is an AOS Student Judge and member of Oregon Orchid Societies

**WHAT ARE WEBINARS?** An Affiliated Society may use recorded webinars for presentations at their monthly meetings. With Wi-Fi access, it's easy! Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. You can view from anywhere that you have an internet connection via Mac, PC or even your mobile device. It's easy to find the [scheduled webinars](#) and to register on the AOS website. You will find the link here: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

If your society does not have internet access, you can contact the AOS Education Committee, Sandra Svoboda at [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net) and request **a program, or multiple programs, from the recorded list.** The video file(s) with instructions for use will be sent to you. Copy to a flash drive or copy to your computer hard drive and show the webinar at the meeting.

<http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Webinars-for-Affiliated-Societies-7-24-19.pdf>

Insight for our **AFFILIATED SOCIETIES**

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

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you have missed an issue of the **AOS Corner** they are archived on the AOS website. Recent issues can also be found on the **Affiliated Societies Facebook Page**, in the Files section.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS/files/>

### 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>

**AUGUST MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** AOS Representatives, please 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.*

2020 **membership** rates can be found on the AOS website! <http://www.aos.org/about-us/aos-membership.aspx> Need **print applications** to have on hand at your monthly meetings or to mail out? Find them here: <https://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AOSJoinForm2020.pdf>

### 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.

### Orchids A to Z

Are you looking for a definitive source for concise information on orchid genera? Check in on this website section to see full descriptions and culture requirements provided by experts handpicked for their orchid knowledge. Photos of popular species in each genus are shown. Culture requirements are presented in an easy to understand "recipe-style" format. Also included is a playable sound file of the proper pronunciation of each genus so you can sound like an expert. A sound card and speakers are required to hear the spoken name. <https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z.aspx>



#### **Award No: 20201029**

Vanda Lek 'Garrett's Little Lu' AM | AOS (84 points)

[Vanda](#) luzonica x Vanda Flambeau  
Exhibitor: Sharon and David Garrett  
Photographer: Wes Newton

Award 20201029 is a hybrid [Vanda](#)  
<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z/letter-v/vanda.aspx>



**Award No: 20205467**

[Sobralia virginalis](#) 'Angelica' CCE | AOS (91 points)

Exhibitor: Jorge Solarte

Photographer: Bryan Ramsay

Award 20205467 is a species [Sobralia](#).

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z/letter-s/sobralia.aspx>

#### **CULTURE CONNECTION**

**CULTIVATE:** to grow in a prepared medium

Visit the AOS website for a **Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care**

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/july-august-checklist.aspx>

#### **August: The Month of Midlife**

By Thomas Mirenda

OK, calm down everyone. Resist it all you like, but we all get older. Those of us of a “certain age” are frequently accused of having a crisis in our lives because others perceive some slightly reckless or unusual behavior. Isn’t it hyperbolic to say we are in crisis simply because we seem restless in our jobs, dye our hair, buy a sporty car or, I don’t know, sell everything we own and relocate to Argentina so we can dance the tango with beautiful strangers. . . OK, that one does seem a bit much. Even so, why not shake things up a little in our lives? It is not so much about regaining our youth (you could not pay me to be 20 again) as it is about keeping life fresh and fun. When I was 20 everything was exciting and new and life was all about adventure and the future. We may be more settled now in our jobs and houses and

partners, but life is still all about the future! Why shouldn't it be just as exciting as it was when we were kids?

The growing of orchids may seem a passive pursuit to many, some might even say cultivating orchids is a pastime for a more subdued set, but I beg to differ. Readers of *Orchids* know that the activity is endlessly fascinating, and the subject staggeringly vast and mind-boggling. While the thrill I get from walking into the greenhouse and seeing a long awaited new orchid flower finally unfurled may not be equally adrenaline inducing as hang gliding, I also do not run the risk of breaking any bones when I do it! Some of the greatest peak experiences of my life have involved searching for and finding orchids in the wild. These experiences have almost always involved exotic travel, moderate to intense physical activity, immersing myself in nature as well as hanging out with friends, old and new. If that's a life in crisis, I'll take it!

**WISE ABOUT WATER** Rainwater is a gift from above, and excessive amounts of runoff actually can hurt our environment. Collecting rainwater and using it for your orchids is pretty easy and will be a boon to the health of your collection. A simple rain barrel with a submersible pump and a hose are the basic tools needed. Why waste this fine quality water? August is actually a tough time for orchid watering and you have to use your best judgment around this time. So many of your new growths that initiated in the spring are now approaching maturity. The observant grower will notice that they need less water and fertilizer now than they did months ago and should do better with a little less than they did when in active growth. Actually, the summer heat tends to halt plant metabolism in many of the intermediate growing orchids. Only the very warmest-growing orchids are unaffected by the intensities of summer weather.

**CAM PHOTOSYNTHESIS ORCHIDS** In fact, many warm-growing (and even some cooler growing) orchids engage in a water-retentive type of plant respiration referred to as crassulacean acid metabolism, or CAM photosynthesis. This is an adaptation that evolved in plants from desert habitats where temperatures are very high and water is scarce. These types of plants do not open their stomata during the day, or all the water in their tissues would immediately vaporize. Instead, CAM plants open at night, which allows needed respiration to occur without the risk of rapid desiccation. In your orchid collection, this means that many of your more succulent orchids might not be able to take up water from their roots until the sun goes down.

**FUNGAL ISSUES** Astute growers will tell themselves, "Well, I'm told never to water late in the day for risk of crown rot and fungal pathogens that can occur when plant surfaces are wet at night. But if they don't take in water until evening, when should I water?" This has more to do with a phrase you see in this magazine frequently: "a well-drained but moisture retentive mixture." This is the key to success for so many orchids. You have won half the watering battle by supplying the right mix for your climate for each individual in your collection. You may have the medium issue adequately addressed, but rot issues do tend to appear in the summer heat, especially if you mist your plants excessively to keep them cool. Be on the lookout for signs of bad fungi, broken down mixes that do not dry out (a sure sign of root rot), leaves that are not turgid and new growths that detach or disintegrate. If you have these types of problems, it might be time for an emergency repotting or treatment with a fungicide.

THE HEAT IS ON By this time in the summer, deleterious effects of heat will become more pronounced, and you may have to rescue a few orchids. Do your best to cool plants by using combinations of mist, shade and air movement. If portions of your plants have succumbed to heat stress or appear to be rotting, it is always best to remove and discard those necrotic tissues, as the resulting diseases can easily spread to healthier portions of the plant. Treat any cuts you make with an antifungal or antibacterial substance such as cinnamon. Next month, some relief is in sight for your heat-stressed orchids  
(As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 84, NO.8, August 2015)

**Published since 1932, ORCHIDS (formerly known as the AOS Bulletin) is among the many benefits of an AOS membership. Exploding with glorious full-page color photographs, each monthly issue is packed with topics of current interest for both beginners and advanced orchid growers.**

#### **Worth the Read - ORCHIDS August Preview**

- Collector's Item - *Bulbophyllum maxillare* by Charles Wilson
- Orchids Illustrated - Willem Hendrik de Vriese by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- *Rhyncholaelia digbyana* by Stephen van Kempen-Lewis
- Who Were These Guys? Part 11 - Hugh Low by David Rosenfeld
- In Pursuit of Teagueia by Kelsey Huisman
- *Lindleyana* - Studies in *Oberonia* 7 by Daniel L. Geiger, Benjamin J. Crain, Melissa K. McCormick and Dennis F. Whigham

**AOS members have access to over 2,050 articles published between the years 2003 - 2009 and 2011 - 2018 through the [digital archives](#).**

Updates to the digital archives are ongoing.

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

#### **AWARDS GALLERY**

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

***DID YOU KNOW?*** Your Affiliated Societies committee is working on a two-year strategic plan for the future of our role in the AOS. Is there something in particular that you would like to see this committee address, accomplish or change over the next two years? How can we better serve our members in the Affiliated Societies?

Please send your comments, questions and submissions for the AOS Corner to

[askmasc@verizon.net](mailto:askmasc@verizon.net) or [EileenH@aos.org](mailto:EileenH@aos.org)

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

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