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2020 JULY AOS Corner – for Affiliated Societies

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Carving Out a New Normal

As societies get the go ahead to meet in person with social distancing protocols in place, it will be interesting to note the development of our new normal. Will members show up wearing masks and gloves? Will we continue to share refreshments as we once did? Will we bother to bring our bloomers to the table for show & tell? How will we welcome new members without shaking hands or high-fiving? Will we instead offer a gentle fist bump? How about the flat handed Vulcan Salute - Live Long and Prosper? Now, that is a good thought for both our society members and our orchids!

Some societies may find that meeting remotely fits their membership better than meeting in person and may choose that option for the near future. I recently sat in as a virtual guest on a west coast (USA) orchid society meeting. There were seventy-five viewers signed on that night. They shared their orchid show & tell table, allowing members to talk about their entries, and had a well-known guest speaker from a different time zone give a great talk. They had giveaway gift certificate drawings for their members. It worked well in this disconnected time of uncertainty. We *all* have to find what works best.

Our local group has about 127 members. We rarely get more than forty at our in-person meetings. For our late in the month June meeting, we are going virtual! We look forward to better attendance without our members having to fight traffic and weather. From our 500 plus Facebook group members, we have invited viewers to be our guests for the night. The objective is gaining new members for our society at our monthly meetings, whether they are on Zoom or in person. Our ultimate goal is to have fun while learning about orchids. Failure is not an option. Drop me a line and let me know what's working for you.



DID YOU KNOW? The Affiliated Societies Committee maintains a **list of speakers** available for your monthly meeting presentations. We are now in the process of updating the list to confirm whether each speaker also offers 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

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
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
Rob Griesbach
Ron Kaufmann
Steve Beckendorf
Steve Frowine
Steve Gonzalez

REMINDERS

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>

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.*

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>

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AWARDS GALLERY

MEMBERS are privileged to VIEW the beauty and diversity of awarded orchids in every issue of **ORCHIDS magazine**.

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

PLUS *everyone* can check the **most recently awarded orchids on the AOS website**.

<https://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx>

To view flower details, measurements, and a description of each awarded orchid or exhibit, go to **aos.org** . Sign-in. Select **Orchid Pro** from the drop down menu on your membership status box.

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



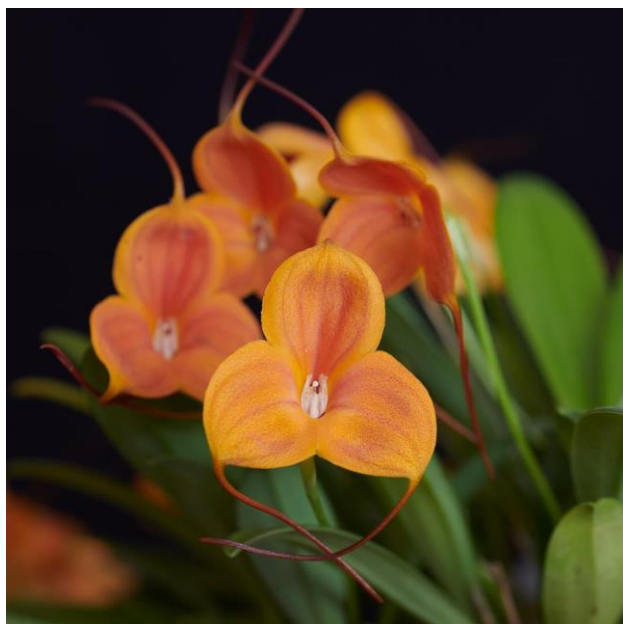
Award No: 20205055, Date: Feb 21, 2020

American Orchid Society Show Trophy 'J & L Orchids' ST | AOS (86 points)

Event: Amherst Orchid Society Show (Northampton, Massachusetts)

Exhibitor: J & L Orchids, Photographer: Joseph Maciaszek

Exhibit also received a Silver Certificate: Award No. 20205056



Award No: 20205478

Masdevallia Galaxy 'Alma del Bosque'
AM | AOS 80 points)
(*Masdevallia triangularis* x
Masdevallia Kimballiana)
Exhibitor: Daniel Piedrahita-Thiriez
Photographer: Bryan Ramsay



Award No: 20205475

Platystele beatricis 'Diego'
CCE | AOS (93 points)
Exhibitor: Pascal Arrondeau
Photographer: Bryan Ramsay

**AOS members have access to over 2,050 articles published
between the years 2003 - 2009 and 2011 - 2018 through the [digital archives](http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx).**

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Worth the Read - ORCHIDS July Preview

For the Novice - Soluble Salts by Sue Bottom. Sue shares practical advice in easy to understand terms. Her contributions to ORCHIDS through the years have been invaluable to novice and experienced growers alike. You will come away with new knowledge, or a refresher course, on how to grow your orchids better. Catch her words of wisdom and more in the July issue of ORCHIDS.

- The New Refugium Botanicum - *Encyclia alata* by Franco Pupulin and associates
- Collector's Item - *Bulbophyllum* section *Lepidhoriza* by Charles Wilson
- Orchids Illustrated - *Bulbophyllums* of du Petit-Thours by Peggy Alrich and Wesley Higgins
- Orchids of Bhutan - *Spathoglottis* by Stig Dalström, et al.
- Orchid Treasures of the Northwest Amazon - In Search of *Scuticaria steelei* by Nicola Flanagan
- The Orchids of Guanahacabibes National Park, Cuba by Lawrence W. Zettler, et al.

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 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>

Webinars-Coming Attractions!






When	July 14, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	July 22, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday	August 26, 2020 8:30pm EST Wednesday	RECORDED WEBINARS at your convenience
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Digital Resources Orchid Culture Insights from the Internet	<i>Maxillaria</i> Not just <i>tenuifolia</i> anymore	Culture, Judging, Pests and Diseases, Greenhouse Chats indexed by topic
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Bill Bodei Committee Chair AOS Membership & Marketing, Technology Chair Deep Cut Orchid Society	Eric Sauer Awarded Maxillariaologist & Greenhouse Grower	AOS Members, Judges, Concerned Conservationists, Scientists & More

To view webinars **REGISTRATION is REQUIRED**

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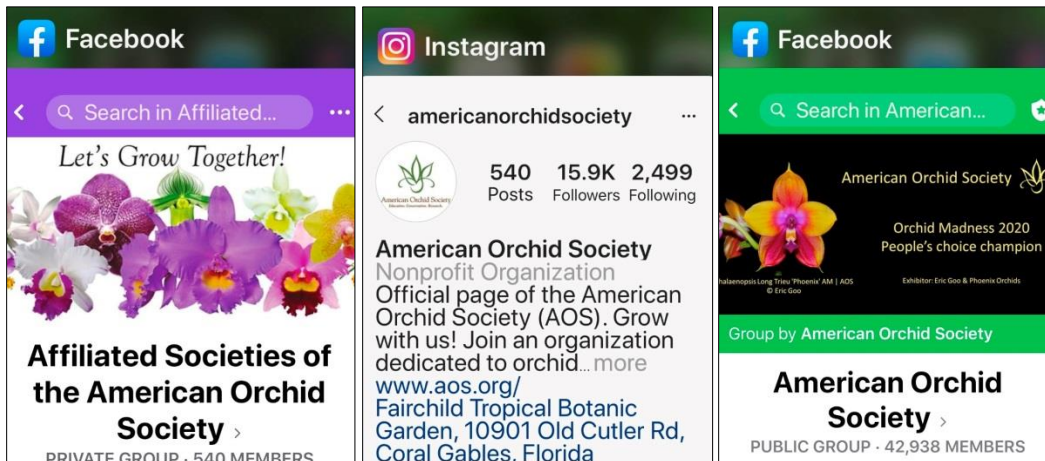
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<https://instagram.com/americanorchidsociety?igshid=16ixfciczky01>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839/>



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

July: The Month of Portals

By Thomas Mirenda

WHEN I WAS STILL a little tyke, my mother went to great lengths to encourage my interest in natural history, biology and the sciences. Widowed when I was only five, she took my development very seriously and made many a sacrifice to help me on my path. Even though funds were very tight, she managed to find ways to feed my curiosity and nurture the interests that would eventually lead to my career in orchids. I was recently reminded of this when I found my old, well-worn and used *Orchids A Golden Nature Guide*. Held together now with a rubber band, dog-eared at the edges and the covers scratched and fading. This little \$2.95 purchase (over 40 years ago) at the American Museum of Natural history bookstore was perhaps one of the most precious things she ever gave me.

One never knows what effect the gifts we give may have on the recipient, especially if the receiver is a young sponge, with a pliant, impressionable mind. In my case, this tiny book was a portal to another world I'd never imagined, a passport to tropical jungles, cloud forests, swamps and alpine meadows full of exotic beauty and mystery. That book was practically memorized in a week and is still the initial base of knowledge of what I know today. While modern research has changed much in the orchid world since (e.g., where the genus *Neocogniauxia* fits in phylogenetically); this basic knowledge absorbed at such a tender age has served me well into adulthood. Do not hesitate to nurture those around you, especially the young ones, with your orchid knowledge.

INTERFACES Often orchids exist at the edges: near the tops of trees, by the side of the road, on banks of streams and the like. This is because of the simplest basic needs of orchids: light, water and air. Every orchid needs some mysterious combination of the three to be grown optimally. Finding the correct interface is always a challenge, especially in a mixed collection in a part of the world where the seasons change drastically through the year. Our job is to make seasonal transitions as seamless as possible for our orchids.

GREAT OUTDOORS Depending on where you live, the best place for your plants in July may very well be outside under a tree. The greenhouse may be too hot and stuffy, while the windowsill may be too dry due to air conditioning. It can be a really delicate balance. Still, a little scouting in your yard will indicate many microclimates suitable for orchids. The area under the maple where sun peeks in for two or three hours in the morning, may be the perfect place to summer cattleyas, while the shady canopy covering your back porch may be ideal for paphiopedilums and phalaenopsis, which should never let water or debris fall into their crowns in summer.

WORMHOLES Always place plants off the ground, even terrestrials like cymbidiums, or they will be invaded by a variety of critters you would not want to bring back inside when the fall weather comes. Ants, sow bugs, earthworms and a plethora of other nasty things can ravage your plants if you do. Periodically flood your plants thoroughly, this will not only discourage colonization, but will also purge your orchids of any excess fertilizer salts that may have built up from earlier in the growing season.

COMING OF AGE Your orchids have been growing earnestly through April, May and June and by this month, many new growths are starting to mature. Feeding is still important in July as we must fatten up any new pseudobulbs and harden off any tender new leaves generated earlier in the spring. July, with its often extra-hot weather, can be challenging in this regard. If high temperatures predominate, search for areas with deeper shade and excellent air movement to compensate. Some cooler growing plants might even be better off brought inside to a more temperate space until the extreme heat dissipates in the early fall. *(As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 84, NO. 7, July 2015)*

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Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

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