

2020 JANUARY AOS Corner – for Affiliated Societies

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Insight for our **AFFILIATED SOCIETIES**

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

Happy New Year!

We are so glad you are here with us again for another year of orchid growing. With many of the traditional end of the year celebrations behind us, we can focus on the future. If you have not already done so, it is time to update your 1) **affiliate information**. There is an online option or 2) **PDF print option** on the Affiliated Societies website page to help you complete your updates.

- 1) <http://www.aos.org/About-Us/Affiliated-Societies/affiliated-society-update-form.aspx>
- 2) <http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AffiliatedSocietyInformationUpdate.pdf>

This information is important if you want prospective members to find you. The details you provide about your meeting times, days and contact information are found on the AOS website **Affiliated Societies lookup** page. This contact information also appears in the print version of the Orchid Source Directory. In the ever-evolving leadership of today's orchid societies, it is important to update the AOS with your changes. <http://www.aos.org/About-Us/Affiliated-Societies/affiliated-societies-lookup.aspx>

This year brings a change in membership rates. With all of the existing benefits of membership plus the new awards program, OrchidPro, it remains an excellent value. Please be sure to discard any outdated AOS promotional material. Encourage your members to enroll online at **JOIN** - <https://bit.ly/fb-join-aos>
Please note your Society Affiliation in the comments section at checkout.

Look for updated membership rates and membership material on the AOS website in 2020

Membership Type	Silver Digital Only US/Worldwide	Gold Print/Digital US Destination	Gold Print/Digital*** Canada & Mexico	Gold Print/Digital*** All Other Countries
Individual, one year	☐\$54.00	☐\$79.00	☐\$99.00	☐\$119.00
Individual, two years	☐\$103.00	☐\$153.00	☐\$193.00	☐\$233.00
Joint, one year*	☐\$69.00	☐\$94.00	☐\$114.00	☐\$134.00
Joint, two years*	☐\$133.00	☐\$183.00	☐\$223.00	☐\$263.00
Youth, one year**	☐\$34.00	☐\$54.00	☐\$74.00	☐\$94.00
Youth two years**	☐\$73.00	☐\$103.00	☐\$143.00	☐\$183.00

*Joint membership is for two individuals residing at the same address and includes only one subscription to the monthly magazine *Orchids*.

**Youth members must be under the age of 25. Valid proof of age required at time of application.

***Additional cost covers priority delivery of the print magazine. NOTE: For US Destination ONLY, First Class Mail is available for an additional \$30.00 per year.

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.

JANUARY Focus: How to Make the Most of Your **AOS Affiliation**
<http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/affiliated-society-faq.aspx>

DID YOU KNOW? The Affiliated Societies Committee has an **official role** within the AOS. You can join us at any AOS Members Meeting to find out more about our function or to become a member of the committee. Guests are always welcome to attend our committee meetings.
<http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/JobDesc/2018-Affiliated-Societies-Committee.pdf>

DID YOU KNOW? Thank you to the many AOS members that have taken on the important responsibility of connecting *your society* with everything happening in the American Orchid Society. Please review the

Role of AOS Reps. You have specific duties. We are always happy to hear from you and are interested in learning what is taking place in your society. http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/AOS_Rep-duties.pdf

DID YOU KNOW? If you have missed an **AOS Corner** they are now archived on the AOS website in PDF format. Go to the Affiliated Societies page and search the left hand sidebar. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies/aos-corner.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>

REMINDERS

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 you do 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**.

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

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.

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	January 09, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	January 16, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	February 11, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 18, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday
Topic	Orchid Travels in Peru	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Large Flowered Cattleyas	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Ken Jacobsen Accredited AOS Judge	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Art Chadwick Founder Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc.	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

To view **REGISTRATION is REQUIRED:** <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyway!

We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure from the same webpage.

Send your **Greenhouse Chat** questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

If you want to view independently from home, you can join live, either on your computer or by phone.

ALL past webinars are recorded and indexed by topic, for future viewing.

FOR YOUR SOCIETY MEMBERS

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.

In December we mentioned the Reciprocal Garden Admission program. There's more where that came from! Besides a world-class monthly magazine, check out these added PERKS you receive as a member of the American Orchid Society.

Purchase Discount Programs

- ✓ **5% discount** at select merchant partners on plants, supplies and more. Mention your AOS membership.
- ✓ **10% discount** on AOS publications purchased from the AOS. Members receive this discount on back issues of ORCHIDS magazine and AOS published books.
- ✓ **Reduced processing fees** for AOS judged awards. Members save \$20 on processing fees for each AOS award granted.
- ✓ **\$30 off an order of \$100** or more from select vendors with a two-year AOS membership.



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CULTURE CONNECTION
CULTIVATE, to grow in a prepared medium

January: The Month of Vision Looking Ahead to a New Year of Success
By Thomas Mirenda

Can you believe it is already January again? All of us are yet another year older and wiser. I like to believe that, just like that old ad campaign, "We're not getting older, we're getting better," but my morning mirror disproves that on a daily basis. Nonetheless, there is something to be said for aging. We do get better at some things with experience, and orchid growing is certainly one of those things. You may not realize it, but just from reading this magazine regularly, you gain significantly. Even if you

cannot invest in state-of-the art greenhouses or the latest innovations, your awareness about the needs of orchids, gleaned from *Orchids*, has influenced you and improved your growing skills. Although it is fairly arbitrary, I find it is always at this time of year we attempt to reflect and take stock of our collections, our growing skill and our knowledge. We all share the goal of aspiring to grow our plants even better in the coming year. This, of course, requires “vision.” Aside from actually seeing the beauty of our orchids, if you look up vision in a dictionary or thesaurus, you’ll find some startling definitions and synonyms. Words such as “idea,” “dream” and even “revelation” appear there. So I challenge you in 2013 to think big, to shoot for the stars. Come up with a vision for yourself as an orchid person for the coming year, for five years, or even for where you’ll be in 10 or 20 years, and develop a strategy for reaching those goals.

Aside from your growing skills, think about how your enthusiasm for our beloved plants can best further the cause of other aspects of orchidology, such as conservation, education, technology and innovative cultivation techniques. Leave a legacy for those following in your footsteps. After all, wouldn’t it be sad to not pass on all you’ve learned to others? We have all been gifted with the joy of orchids. Let’s all spread that joy around the world this year.

I SEE YOU January is an exciting time in our collections. So many plants are in spike now and the anticipation of fattening buds’ imminent opening and first blooms of many newly acquired species and hybrids can make each day a revelation in the coming months. Look around your collection carefully for inflorescences that may be hiding from your view or, if your benches are packed like mine, may be caught hiding amidst lush foliage. Make sure your developing spikes are growing unobstructed and receiving adequate light so that they may display their natural grace upon blooming.

MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION it is imperative to support developing spikes of many orchids, particularly phalaenopsis, cymbidiums and oncidium intergeneric hybrids. In the wild, epiphytic orchids tend to have pendent or cascading inflorescences, but unless your plants are mounted or in hanging baskets, this does not work well for most cultivated plants. In particular, spikes of hybrids that bear larger flowers or higher flower count than the species may be especially heavy and stressed by the time they are fully open. This also makes for the best presentation of your plants for the upcoming flower show season. Good presentation is the first step toward winning blue ribbons and AOS awards.

MOISTURE MATTERS the old adage “sometimes less is more” is true with orchids this time of year. With the shorter day lengths, cooler temperatures and generally overcast conditions so prevalent in winter, most orchids require far less water than they did in the summer growing season. Commonly grown genera such as *Cattleya*, *Phalaenopsis* and *Paphiopedilum* have matured their summer growth, and should be watered less frequently now. Some genera, especially *Catasetum*, *Galeandra*, *Habenaria*, *Dendrobium* and *Lycaste*, are truly “sleeping” now and can actually rot if watered excessively, or, in some cases, even just a little. You must determine which plants will suffer with even an occasional watering in winter, and segregate them to an area where they will not be hit with a stray, inadvertent pass of the watering wand. Despite the need for dryness, most orchids still do best in humid conditions. This becomes an important issue for those who grow in the home where humidity can be excessively low when radiators come on. Especially for the home grower, it is important to supplement humidity in

winter with a humidifier, pebble tray or occasional misting. (*As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 82 NO. 1 JANUARY 2013*) Also visit the AOS website for a **Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care** <http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/january-february-checklist.aspx>

Worth the Read - ORCHIDS January Preview

For the Novice - Selecting New Plants As a new orchid grower, who hasn't been stumped by trying to find a plant that will grow and thrive for you? The January article by Sue Bottom will give you pointers on things to look for to help you successfully grow a new acquisition.

This article presents a general overview of basic orchid selection by defining the difference between species and hybrids, seedlings and mericlones, diploids and tetraploids, and describes why you might choose one over the other. It explains the importance of plant tags and how they relate to the history of your new orchid. The educated grower will become a successful grower.

Coupled with archived information from the AOS Forum 1) **Beginners' Newsletters** and these tips from the AOS video library on 2) **Selecting an Orchid** and this 3) **Members Only Webinar**, you have enough to get you started on building a healthy orchid collection.

- 1) <http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/beginners-newsletter.aspx>
- 2) <http://www.aos.org/orchids/aos-video-library/selecting-an-orchid.aspx>
- 3) <http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/webinars/public/best-plant.aspx>

Don't miss out! Membership offers something for everyone

- New Refugium Botanicum - *Dendrobium macrophyllum*
- Orchid Growing in a Retirement Community
- Orchids Illustrated - *Cypripedium* of North America
- One Hundred Years of Orchids - R.F. Orchids
- The Genus *Loefgrenianthus* and Alberto Löfgren
- Orchids of Bhutan - *Pholidota recurva*
- Book Review - Rankafu: Orchid Print Album

LOOK for *your* awarded orchids in the sixteen-page awards gallery in each issue of ORCHIDS! The magazine awards gallery features all of the awards granted month by month in the previous year.

LOOK on the AOS website to find the **most recently awarded orchids!** Exhibits are also included in the latest awards gallery. Check it out to get some great ideas for your next display.
<https://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx>



***Lycaste* Reina Del Cisne 'Nikole' AM | AOS (80 points)**

Lycaste angelae x *Lycaste Kiama*

Award No: 20191481 **Date:** Nov 20, 2019 **Event:** Asociacion Altaverapacense de Orquideologia

Show **Judging Center:** Carolinas Judging Center **Exhibitor:** Cesar Maaz Stwolinski **Photographer:** Jorge Carlos



***Cattleya jenmanii* 'Terez' HCC | AOS (79 points)**

Award No: 20194350 **Date:** Nov 16, 2019 **Event:** Northeast Center Monthly Judging **Judging Center:** Northeast Judging Center **Exhibitor:** Ken Reynolds **Photographer:** Maurice Garvey



American Orchid Society Show Trophy 'Ode To Mario' ST | AOS (84 points)

Award No: 20196258 **Date:** Oct 26, 2019 **Event:** Windsor Orchid Society Show (Windsor, Ontario, Canada) **Judging Center:** Toronto Judging Center **Exhibitor:** Windsor Orchid Society **Photographer:** Ed Cott

Please send your questions and submissions for the AOS Corner to
askmasc@verizon.net or affiliated_societies_committee@aos.org

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor