JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

Our June monthly meeting
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Hmm…an empty space in our Newsletter? Here's a little sunshine from Cheryle Daniel's Lanai!

Encyclia Rufly Profuse 'Myakka River' (4 feet tall and still exploding!)

UPCOMING NOS EVENTS

Next Monthly Meeting
Speaker: *To Be Announced*

NOS BOD and Show Committee Meeting
To be announced
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The Naples Orchid Society is a non-profit organization, devoted to the promotion of, interest in, and the appreciation of orchids and the preservation of our native orchids. It is also our aim to disseminate information pertaining to their culture and hybridization.
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dick Pippen
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Greetings Orchid Lovers—If we were to join our friends "up North" now, we would be singing (or thinking if you are like me and can't carry a note) "April Showers Bring May Flowers." But, here in SW Florida we sing "June Showers Bring July Flowers and also potential for hurricanes." Hmmm, doesn't rhyme as well. We hope for the former and pray that the latter go somewhere else!! Right now, we have all we want to contend with in this Corona virus epidemic! Speaking of May Flowers, last year with a lot of help from Cheryle Daniel we got most of my orchids weeded and repotted. They are responding now with lots of new growth and some flowers. My favorites in bloom rright now are my "catty" *Grammatophyllum*: Broga Tiger and Crownfox Leopard. These are the topic of this month's Vignette so I won't say more about them here. Also catching my attention is *Chysis bractescens*, in the same group as *Spathoglottis*, with big long pseudobulbs that like to "hang down" and white waxy flowers produced at the base of the new growths. Here is a photo. I also have several *Cattleytonia* in bloom and a *Cattleya leopoldii (tigrina)* about ready to bloom. I know all of you are experiencing the same joys with blooming orchids.

While some beaches, businesses and even restaurants are beginning to open, I don't think that it is time to start our monthly meetings. I am still staying at home and when I do go out I am staying at least an alligator length away from anyone else. I hope you are, too. I have therefore recommended to our Board of Directors that we cancel the regular monthly June meeting and the June Board of Director's meeting and we continue to monitor the situation for months after that.

We have finally heard from the Naples Botanical Garden regarding "our share" of the profits from the Show at the Garden. First let me give you a little background. When we first started having our Show at the Garden, it was agreed that we would "share the revenue profit 50/50. For the first three years we were thrilled to be getting, as our share $10k, $12k, $13k. Well, now for the bad news. The Garden discovered that they had been giving us 100% of the revenue profit from the Garden Admissions. Now that that has been discovered, the situation was "corrected" for 2020. The total revenue profit, minus some shared expenses was a little over $18,000. Splitting that 50/50 means that we received a little over $9,000. While disappointing, since we had been getting the "full share" in the past, it is our "fair share." To make sure that our relationship with the Garden is maintained for the future, I have appointed a committee of Richard Davenport (Chair), Jim Rawson, Shelia Demkovich, Kris Morton and David Orr to work with the Garden to develop a Memorandum of Understanding. We have definitely enjoyed working with the Naples Botanical Garden and hope that we can continue to do so in the future.

I do hope that we will be able to "get together" sooner than later, but until we can, do take care of yourself, stay healthy and keep your orchids happy. *Dick*

TASKS FOR JUNE

From Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month by Martin Motes, PhD

- Careful watering this month often means no watering at all. Arise early to enjoy the cool & water only when truly necessary.
- Space plants amply. Good air circulation is essential across the coming months.
- Re-pot Phals & re-set Vandas. Make sure that plants are firmly set in their new abodes.
- Begin or continue a disease prevention program with the prophylactic application of thiophanate methyl (Cleary's 3336) & Aliette or Banrot.
- Clean up growing area & plants. Remove dead leaves from plants & the ground. Pull weeds.
- Prune trees & shrubs to increase light & air circulation.
- Apply snail bait lightly early in the month & again lightly mid-month.
- Set air conditioning thermostat at 80 degrees & enjoy living in the tropics.

Upcoming Events

Omitted for this issue due to the numerous cancellations

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY: The Annual Meeting of Members, to have been held in Sacramento, CA in April has been postponed to October 21-24 (still in Sacramento.) If you had already registered for the show, you need do nothing to keep your registration in place. If you cannot attend the new meeting date, please contact AOS headquarters for a full refund.

AOS PLANT JUDGING

WPB Judging Center next judging date is
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ORCHID TRIVIA

From AOS

There are more than 130,000 artificially created orchid hybrids, all officially recorded by the Royal Horticultural Society of England, the international registrar, and thousands more that have never been registered.

Members of the orchid family, the *Orchidaceae*, are found on every continent except Antarctica. Orchids are found in almost every color, except *black* (*but read the May 2020 article in "Orchids" Magazine, pages 364-369 about the hybrid genus Fredclarkeara by Fred Clarke & more gorgeous 'almost black' orchids!!!)*

ORCHID CARE

Are you a seasonal resident and need someone to care for your orchids over the summer? Do you need help repotting/mounting orchids? I am a year round resident who LOVES orchids, and am an experienced and knowledgeable grower ready to help.

Please call Cheryle Daniel at 813-486-5767.

I am a member of
Naples Orchid Society and **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance.**

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AOS WEBINARS – COMING ATTRACTIONS

(registration required: www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx - webinars are available to view at your leisure from the same page if you are not available at that time.*)*

June 16, 2020: 8:30 pm EST Tuesday. Topic: Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q & A) *Send in your questions!* Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education & Science Officer.
June 23, 2020: 8:30 pm EST, Tuesday. Topic: Growing *Coelogyne*. Presenter: Charles Wilson, AOS Judge, Committee Member Education & Conservation.

Webinar announcements pre-posted to Facebook, Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your affiliated society's newsletter. Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org.

JUNE--FROM AOS "GROWING ORCHIDS" MONTH-BY-MONTH CHECKLIST

by Robert M. Scully Jr.

- Orchids repotted earlier should be showing new roots & growths. Fertilize more often. Apply a concentration of at least 2 t./gal. of water of soluble formulations or the equivalent of 250ppm in liquid formulas. With more light & higher day & night temperatures, excellent air circulation & a fresh growing medium, the orchids will consume more nutrients. Robust growths will produce more high quality flowers next season.
- Finish repotting *Cattleyas* in June. *Cattleyas* outside in the subtropics must be protected from excessive rainfall. Apply protective fungicides when the relative humidity levels begin to hover consistently in the 70% range.
- Complete repotting Phals. Check the turgidity of the foliage & condition of the roots of specimens still in bloom. June's longer, warmer days increase the moisture requirements of flowering plants. Do not be greedy. A Phal. will deteriorate rapidly if forced to carry its inflorescence too long in a stressful cultural environment. Repot rather than lose a plant. If in doubt as to whether the potting medium will be good for another year, opt to repot now. Remember to repot Phal. seedlings too. Those repotted from 2-3" pots now will have a good chance of blooming next winter. Fertilize at least 3-4 times this month & for the balance of the summer at the same rate as described for *Cattleyas* above. Protect *Phalaenopsis* from overhead water, both artificial irrigation & rain, & water early in the day so foliage is dry by nightfall.

From "Orchids" Magazine

"Home Remedies"

- Rather than expensive & potentially dangerous herbicides, spray full-strength vinegar to kill weeds between pavers & on greenhouse floors. (DO NOT spray on orchids.)
- Aspirin (just ¾ of one 325 mg tablet per gallon of water) helps protect plants from fungal & viral pathogens when used as a spray. More is NOT better. Do not exceed this amount.

MORE PEST PROBLEMS COMING WITH DRY WEATHER

Submitted by Kris Morton

We're still in a windy, hot drought. Along with spider mites we also have to worry about *thrips,* those thirsty, hungry boogers looking for a fresh bud, flower or root. I've copied some of Martin Motes notes from his May monthly letter, along with AOS information on *thrips* shown below. And for an excellent article on *thrips* please check out Sue Bottom's article. She has written for St. Augustine Orchid Society & AOS "Orchids" magazine with excellent articles. Just google "Thrips on Orchids by Sue Bottom."

Although temperature have been a bit cooler, they have been sufficiently warm enough that Thrips have found our well-watered collections an oasis in the desert of our lawns. Watch for the first signs of Thrips in the pitting at the base of root tips. Although soap is a safe and useful control for Thrips, at this time of year care should be taken not to apply soap to plants which are suffering from drought stress. Be sure to water thoroughly in the morning and then apply the soap in the afternoon. Several other methods of controlling Thrips are to be found in Florida Vanda Growing.

Mites, too, are relishing the dry air and will pose a threat until the rainy season raises humidity to a level that dampens their ardor and the heavy rains wash them away. Soap also, with the same caution can be used to control mites but a second application in 7-10 days is required to achieve definite control.

AND FROM AOS:

Controls:
The nature of the thrips life cycle places their eggs and pupal stages fairly well out of the reach of most pesticides. Therefore, multiple applications of the chosen control method or pesticide at weekly intervals are needed to control successive generations of these pests.
As with many unwanted insects, monthly rotation of control measures is also recommended, especially when using chemical pesticides. Alternating between at least two different chemicals helps to avoid raising resistance to control measures in the insect pest.
Insecticides such as insecticidal soap, malathion and acephate (Orthene) are all recommended for use on thrips, and are listed as safe for use on orchids as well.

AND A GOOD REMINDER FROM MARTIN MOTES:

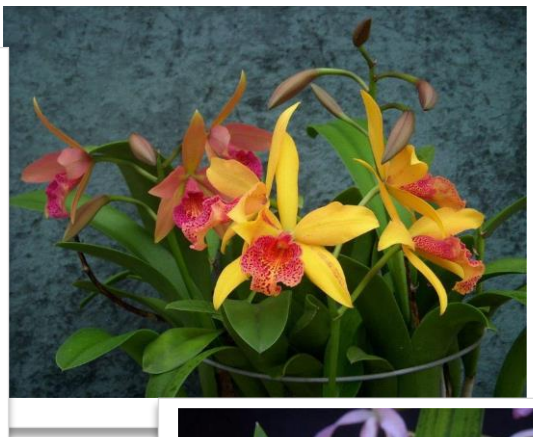
Vandas have thrown an abundance of roots in response to these temperature shifts. It is essential that they receive sufficient water to sustain the growing roots. With temperature in the upper eighties and relative humidity in the 50% range Vanda roots can dry exceptionally quickly. This is the time of the year when an afternoon misting of Vanda roots is of great benefit. Even a second thorough watering on alternate days is beneficial if the plants are dry by night. Getting the vandas off to a quick start also involves heavy feeding. With the abundance of water being given, fertilizer at as high a rate as 1 Tbs. per gal can be given every 5-6 days.

Thrips: The insect and its damage to buds.

Thrips: Very tiny! Shown on a Gardenia.

Thrips: Typical damage to roots.

FOOTNOTE FROM KRIS *– Keep your orchids away from your gardenias! Dave Orr reminded me a few years ago when I brought in a bouquet to a meeting for a fellow member.*



Sc. Royal Beau*(top left)*
Blc. A-254 Yen Corona *(bottom left)*
Blc. A-163 Copper Queen *(top right)*
Blc. A-256 Royal Harbor *(bottom right)*
Dick Pippen

Cattleya Chocolate Drop
'Volcano Queen'
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Dendrobium Royal Wings
Sheila Demkovich

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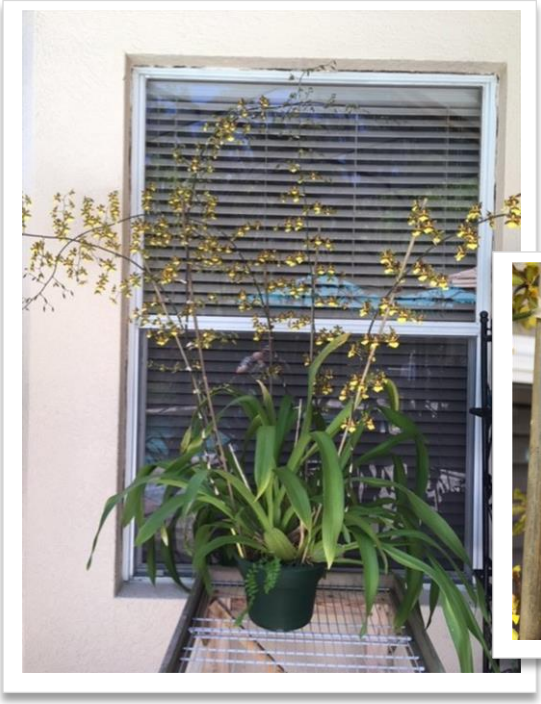

Wilsonaara Tropical Breeze
The longest inflorescence is 84 inches long- that's 7 feet long. There are 5 inflorescences.
Sheila Demkovich

Smiles from the Lanai

Cattleya violacea
Kris Morton
'Am so excited that I had four blooms. Bought this when at Redlands years ago with Bill, Dick & Marilyn. Bill went with me to Plantio to pick this one out. It's taken forever to get more than one or two bloom at a time.'

Blc. Lois McNeil *(left)*
Bulbophyllum Linda Kraus *(right)*
Marilyn Moser

April, 2020

Dear Orchid Friends,

Our Gala Centennial Celebration is just a year away! Our campaign to raise funds for conservation is well underway, we want to thank everyone who has contributed so far. Remember, the profits for this event go directly to our permanent Conservation Fund endowment, to help preserve threatened orchid habitat around the world. Protecting the habitat protects more than the orchids, too – all of the other plants and all of the critters will benefit!

There's still time to participate. Please review the sponsor opportunities flyer and send your contribution today!

The Gala is scheduled for April 10, 2021, at the fabulous, historic Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. Individual tickets to the banquet can be reserved, see the flyer for details.

That weekend will also include our Spring Members' and Trustees Meeting, with many activities and a fantastic auction as well. Proceeds from the auction also benefit the Conservation Fund endowment. The Biltmore Hotel has given us a very special room rate for this event. Use booking ID code 321 when you make your reservation. You can contact the hotel by phone, toll-free number (855) 311-6903 or on their website: https://www.biltmorehotel.com/

On behalf of the entire Centennial Committee, we want to thank you in advance for your support of the American Orchid Society. With your help our organization will continue to grow. Enclosed please find an information page about donor and sponsor opportunities. Please don't hesitate to contact me for additional information.

Very Truly Yours,

Robert Fuchs
Vice President
American Orchid Society
Centennial Committee Chair

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Education Update

Kit Kitchen-Maran
Education Chair and Past President

I know that you will be surprised and happy to learn that Adam Herdman will be joining our two interns from last year, Michael and Jack, at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge to continue collection this July, of data on ghost orchids.

When Dr. Zettler emailed me to say that the research is a go this year, he told me about Adam's plans. You will also be glad to learn that Adam is now working on his M.S. at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He has decided to make his thesis about SWFL orchids, probably incorporating his experience of two summers and the fall of 2018 as an NOS intern at the refuge.

I am also proud to say that the NOS Board of Directors approved giving Adam the grant that had been approved this year for Dr. Mujica, who was again unable to obtain a visa from the U.S. to come up from Cuba to work at the refuge on the project.

Adam has the expertise and dedication to step in for Dr. Mujica and assist in this 6th year of data gathering.

Watch for a surprise later this year on this contribution toward education and research!

Since the team will be working among the gators, frogs and orchids, it will not put our interns into a crowd, so unlike the rest of us, the work will go on as usual. ☺ We will try to get some pictures for our newsletter later this year. Stay healthy and safe! *Kit*

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An Orchid Vignette—It's Grammy Time

Contributed by Dick Pippen

It's Grammy time—no, not the music awards, but the orchids—*Grammatophyllum*! I seem to go from one extreme to the other. I profess to like miniature orchids (and I do), but at the same time I like the giant ones like *Grammatophllum*. I have two "catty" Grammys—*Gram*. Broga Tiger and *Gram*. Crownfox Leopard. In the first photo, left, are both plants, Crownfox Leopard on the right, Broga Tiger on the left. Between the two plants are at least seven flowering spikes and some are over four feet in length!! I know, it is hard to make out details in this photo but trust me.

Grammatophyllums are "related" to *Spathoglottis* and the genus has 13 recognized species all native to the "Indo-China" area of SE Asia. *Gram. speciosum* is thought to be the largest orchid plant, a mature specimen may have pseudobulbs over six feet in length and the plant weighting up to one ton!! Fortunately, the plants I have are not nearly that big (and hopefully won't ever be or else I'll need a crane to move them!). In addition to the 13 species, there are 22 registered hybrids. The two plants I have are hybrids.

Grammatophyllum Broga Tiger (photos left and right) is a cross between *Gram*. *measuresianum* and *Gram*. Tiger's Paw. It was created by Serdang Orchid Nursery (Tan Chin Heong) in Malaysia and registered by them in 2009. The hybrid has so far not received any awards, nor has it been used as a parent in any crosses.

Grammatophyllum Crownfox Leopard is a cross between *Gram. scriptum* and *Gram. elegans*. This hybrid was created by Cheah Wah Sang Orchid Farm of Malaysia and registered by RF Orchids (our friend, Robert Fuchs) of Homestead, FL in 2007. Crownfox Leopard has earned two AOS awards, including a FCC, and has been used as a parent in four crosses. To the right are two photos of Crownfox Leopard, it is the plant in the foreground in the first photo, and photo right a close up of the flowers. Both of these plants bloom only once a year, in March-April and the flowers last for at least two months or more

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